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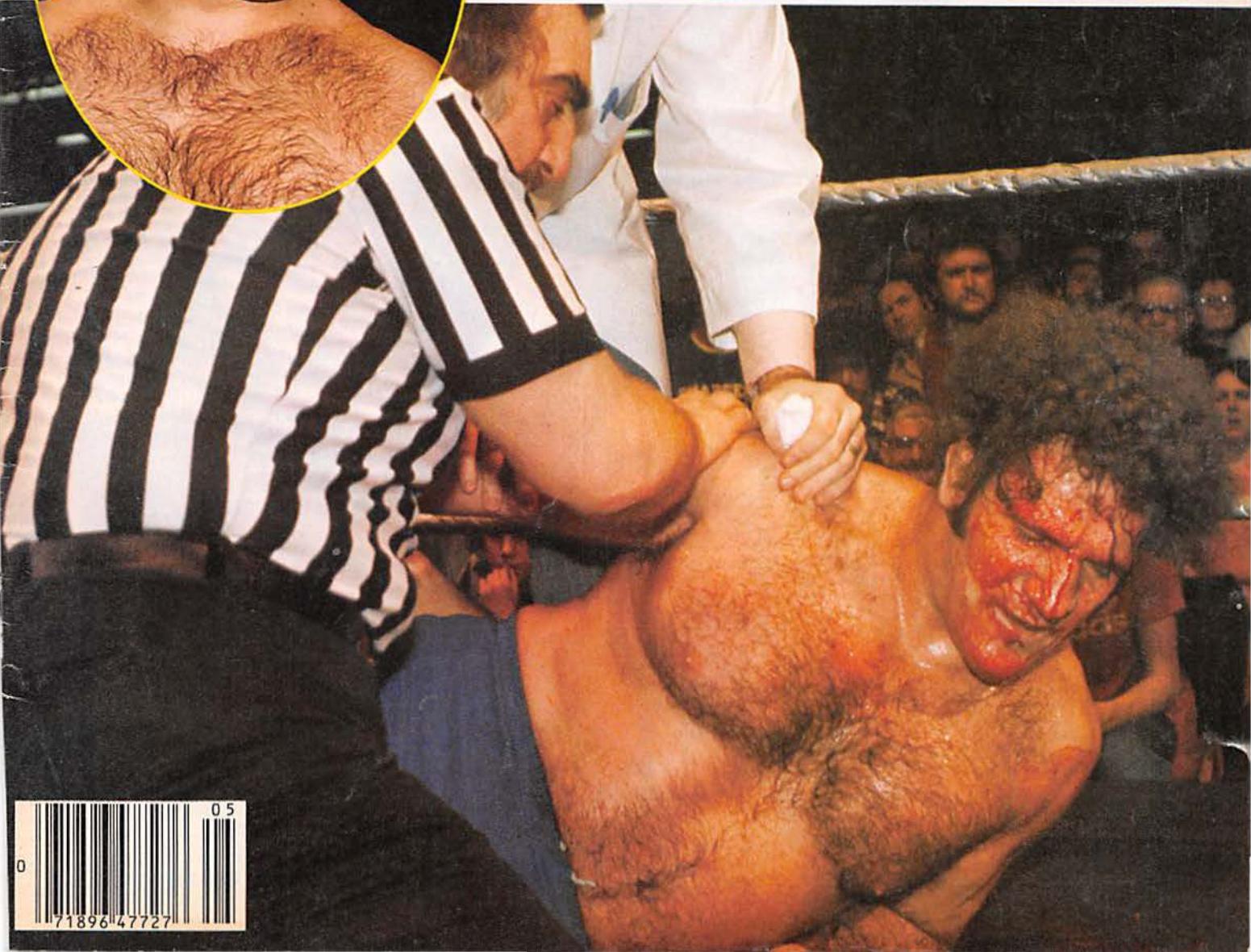
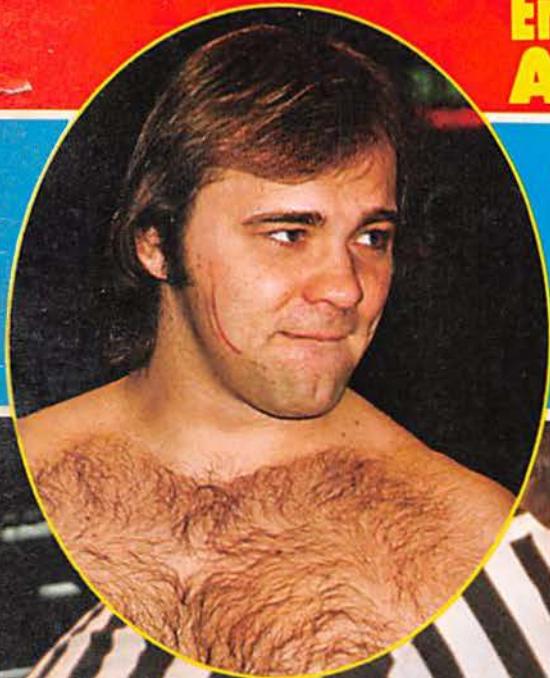
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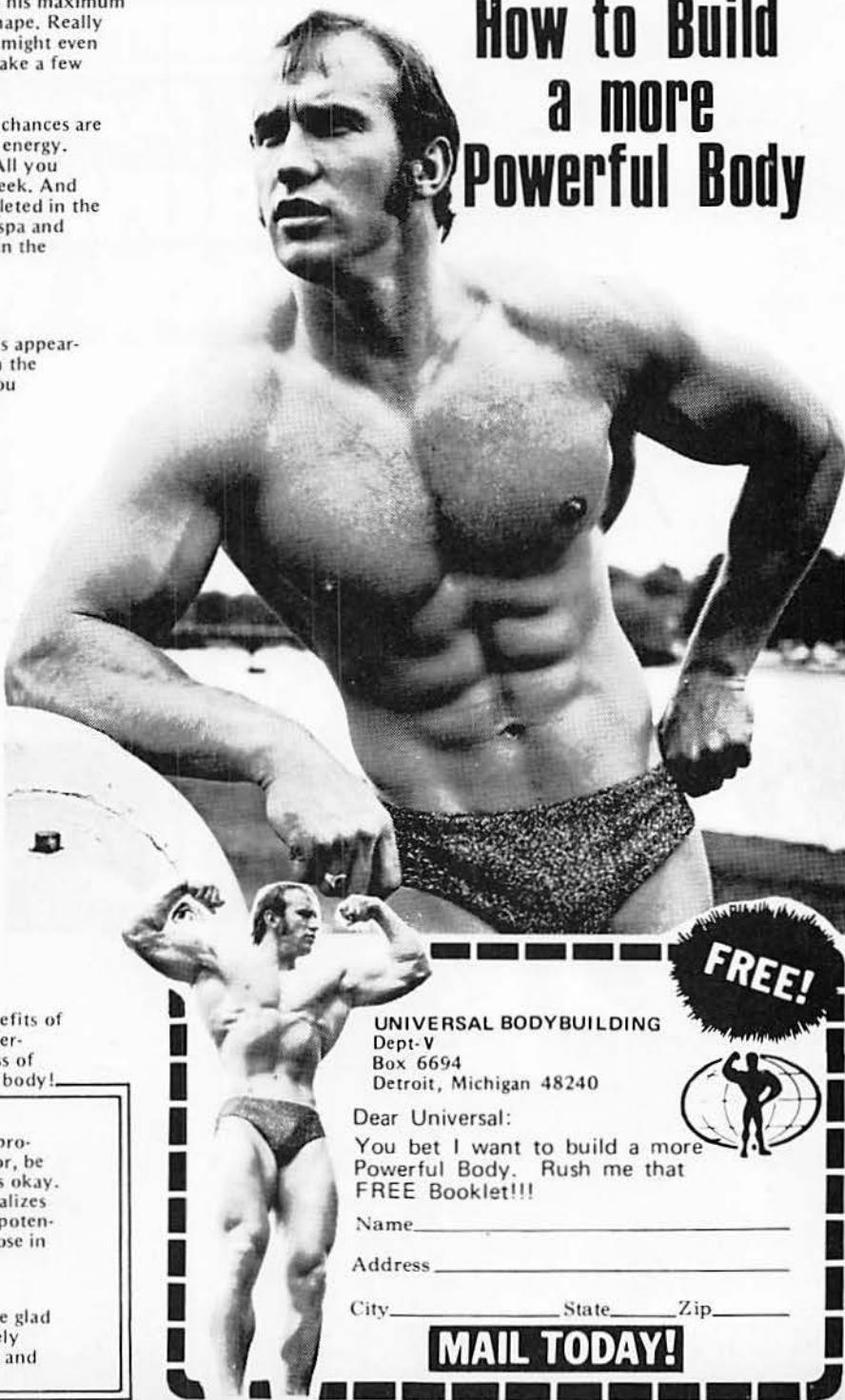
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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Peter  
King

Editor-in-Chief

Friendship. It means different things to different people. To some it means caring. To others it means using.

Bruno Sammartino and Larry Zbyszko were friends. Were. Past tense. Now I don't know how they feel toward each other. Hatred? I don't think so. Are they enemies? Neither man believes they are. I guess the best description of what they are to each other is not-friends.

For years, Larry Zbyszko lived with the idea that people thought of him only as "Bruno's protege." Too many, that would be an ideal thing to be called. But apparently Larry found it distasteful. Now I remember an incident I had long forgotten. At the time it seemed so insignificant it made no impression on me, at least consciously. But it must have been very important indeed, because now, from the depths of my subconsciousness it has leapt to the front of my mind.

About three years ago, in Boston, both Larry and Bruno were on the same card at the Boston Gardens. I was there to cover the night's matches for INSIDE WRESTLING. About an hour before the first bout began, Bruno and Larry arrived at the arena together. As they carried their suitcases through the dressing room area, a stupid, non-thinking member of the wrestling press (not from our magazines) said, "Look, there goes Bruno...and little Bruno." I looked for a smile on Larry's face. There was none. He was biting his lower lip and his eyes were hard and, well, they were filled with hate. But for whom? The stupid editor who made the unthinking remark? Or maybe for Bruno himself.

Since, the friendship between Bruno and Larry has dissolved. And of course, the two engaged in a wild bout on television. More matches between them may occur. That Larry made Bruno bleed is heartbreaking. But if Bruno makes Larry bleed, that will be the tragedy.

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CIVILIZATION ABSOLUTELY ASTONISHES The Samoans. I made the mistake of inviting Afa and Sika, along with their manager, Lou Albano, to my home. Ostensibly, this was an interview. What resulted would have pleased The Three Stooges, Groucho Marx, and war historians.

They walked through the door, heads shaking in childlike wonderment, eyes blinking with disbelief. I extended my hand and Afa, the intellectual of the duo, seized my pinky ring and proceeded to slip it into his mouth.

"I told them to relax, in Samoan," explained Albano as we sat in the living room. Rather, Albano and I sat while the Samoans inspected the modern gadgetry. Afa approached the television. Frowning, Afa pushed the screen. He giggled and motioned for Sika. His partner joined him and both ran fat fingers over the television. I tried to ignore their grunts and giggles long enough to ask Albano some questions.

"Where did you find The Samoans?" I asked, slipping on the tape recorder.



The Samoans had no idea what the man with the little box was doing, but when the flash went off, Captain Lou Albano (center) spent a half hour trying to calm them down.

Horrified, I watch as Afa spit the ring with a huge, fuzzy palm and tossed it to Sika. For a moment, they played catch with this family heirloom, while Albano chuckled.

"Those are my boys, just a couple of funsters," Albano chortled, slapping Afa on the back. Instantly, The Samoans formed a battle pose, legs locked, arms at their sides, eyes slitted menacingly. Albano barked a command, something I thought sounded suspiciously like "flurm."

"Well, Gary, that's a secret, you know, one I'm not privileged to reveal at this time, many innocents are involved, this is not cut-and-dried, let me assure everyone, all my loyal fans, that the Samoans are not alone, I'm not alone, you're not alone, together we will conquer wrestling, yes, all of us," Albano gushed, his face red from exertion.

"Are there more on the way?" I asked, appalled by the prospect. That was the last rational act of the

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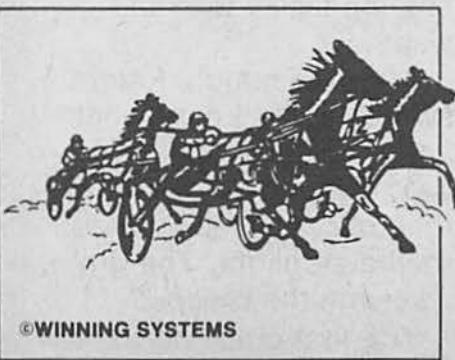
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whim is bad for himself and bad for others. No one can or should trust Patterson. Even the fans who now adore him should know better. It never did take much to win the fans' trust.

Quickly, a short explanation of Patterson's

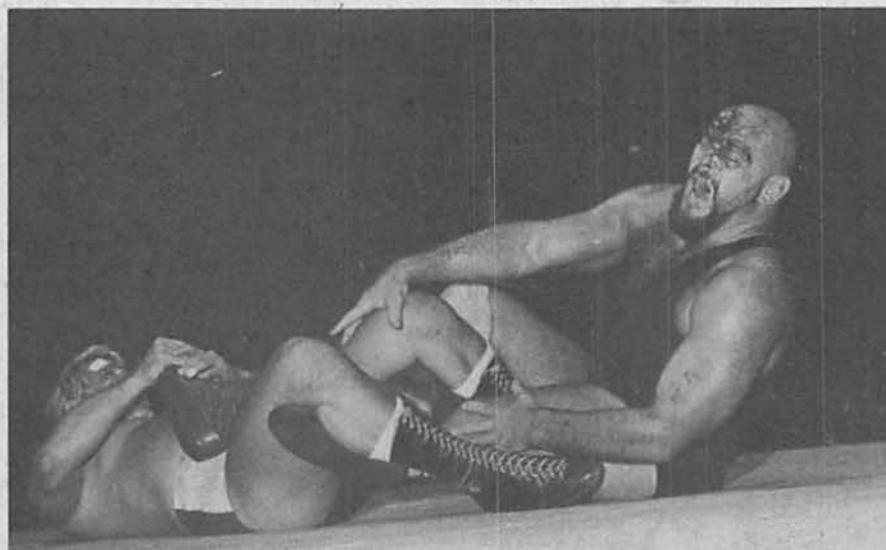
Instead of trying to work out the problem, Patterson turned on his former friends and proclaimed himself a scientific wrestler. What kind of man deserts his principles because of a slight? Not much of a man at all.

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After the match, Patera swore, "I don't care what happens from now on. I hate Patterson. I don't care if he changes more times than a stoplight. The guy gives me the creeps."

The first question to ask  
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Pat Patterson wrestles Ivan Koloff prior to coming into the WWF. He was a fan favorite at that time, turned bad, and has now emerged as a favorite again. Dan Shocket feels he cannot be trusted.

his professional career rushing to the side that offer him the most. Controlled by greed and temper, Pat Patterson has no real ideals or vision.

Someone should tell Pat that a scheme is not a vision. If he wants to be great, he should decide what course to take and stay on it. Changing at

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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
Saks



**W**HEN I RECEIVED the assignment, I thought it was a cruel joke. Actually, I suppose that it was my fault I received the assignment in the first place. And admittedly, I was pretty upset about it.

My problems began one Monday morning when I was writing captions for this magazine. I came across a picture of Bugsy McGraw and I mentioned that I had never seen him wrestle. Through the corner of my eye, I saw Editor-in-Chief Peter King wink at Managing Editor Bill Apter. Pete then came over to my desk. "So you've never seen Bugsy wrestle, eh," he said.

I never had. I've done some traveling on this job and I've even been through Florida where he wrestles. But I always missed him. I do know of his reputation, however. "He's really crazy," Peter said. "You've seen George 'The Animal' Steele. Well, this guy is even crazier."

"Sounds like the kind of guy I'd like to do a story on," I said. Everybody in the office knew I was kidding, and I even suspect Pete did, but he told me, "I want you to go down to Florida and get an interview with him."

"You've got to be kidding," I said. "From what I've heard, this guy is a real madman. He's not going to have anything to say."

Peter seemed to be real serious so I wasn't quite sure if he was kidding anymore. "I want the article by Thursday," he said and walked away.

I really thought I had my first impossible assignment. How could I interview this man? He'll probably just grunt.

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**MR. WRESTLING II**

KEVIN VON ERICH now holds double title honors. Besides being the proud owner of the Missouri State belt, Kevin has won the American championship in Texas . . . MIL MASCARAS gets his shot at HARLEY RACE and the NWA title in Houston. We will bring you full coverage in one of our issues in the near future . . . In St. Louis, ANDRE THE GIANT and BRUISER split the prize money in a 16-man battle royal . . . SUPERSTAR GRAHAM and BRUNO SAM-MARTINO are battling in Texas



**KEVIN VON ERICH**

. . . PAMPERO FIRPO is looking to sign with WWF promoters . . . SUSAN SEXTON is eyeing a rematch against KITTY ADAMS after their most recent brawl.

BOB ARMSTRONG and DICK SLATER are a red hot team in Tennessee . . . AWA Southern tag kings WAYNE FARRIS and LARRY LATHAM continue to defend their honors . . . PEDRO MORALES has returned to the



**PAMPERO FIRPO**

Mid-Atlantic region . . . IVAN KOLOFF says that ALEXIS SMIRNOFF is the best tag team partner he has ever had . . . TERRY FUNK is contemplating a return to Florida rings. Sunshine State fans hope he won't return—ever!

CRUSHER holds more pinfall victories in tag team matches over AWA champion NICK BOCKWINKEL than does any other AWA grappler . . . GREG VALENTINE and RAY STEVENS hold a controversial non-title victory over tag team champions RICK STEAMBOAT and JAY YOUNGBLOOD . . . STEVE KEIRN is headed to the WWF . . . JESSE VENTURA and ADRIAN ADONIS hope to get a title match against AWA tag team kings VERNE GAGNE and MAD DOG VACHON.



**ADONIS & VENTURA**

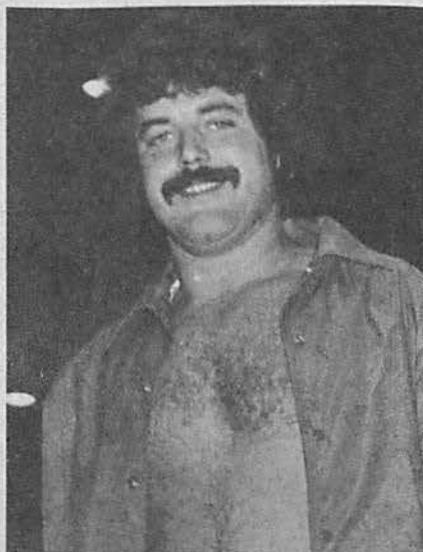
# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...



**BOB BACKLUND**

BOB BACKLUND hopes to defend his WWF title again in Georgia. Bob has gone against some of Georgia's top grapplers recently and loves the competition . . . JIM GARVIN has returned to the Florida mat wars . . . DICK MURDOCH and DUSTY RHODES are teaming all over the country. Murdoch plans to go to Florida with Dusty and help him in his war against the army of SIR



**JIM GARVIN**

## OLIVER HUMPERDINK.

FRED BLASSIE sends word out that his protege', HULK HOGAN, is willing to take on all three recognized world champions on the same day. "He can beat any one of them with ease," says Blassie. "Backlund is just a little punk kid. Hulk will finish him in two minutes. Bockwinkel, he's gone in about three minutes and Race, that guy in maybe five—six at the most."

Manager wars: J.J. DILLON and GARY HART still have not settled their differences in Texas. Neither have AWA managers



**GARY HART**

LORD AL HAYS and BOBBY HEENAN.

BRUISER and SPIKE HUBER are racking up an impressive victory streak in the WWA areas . . . ERNIE LADD and BRUISER BRODIE say they were approached by a certain very well respected manager who offered



**GRAND WIZARD**

them \$200,000 to let him handle their tag team career. They say they nixed the offer because they won't accept anything under \$900,000. "It was an insult to be offered such a small amount," says Ladd.

We have heard that THE GRAND WIZARD is looking for a tag team partner for KEN PATERA. But Patera says he doesn't want to get involved in tag team matches . . . GEORGE WELLS is doing great in California as is rookie TOM PRITCHARD . . . MIKE GRAHAM says his match against Japan's TATSUJI FUJINAMI was one of the greatest experiences of his life. "It gave me an opportunity to wrestle scientifically for awhile," notes the popular Graham. "He is one helluva great wrestler." Fujinami shares the same feelings for Graham's talent.

That's all for now. See you next month!

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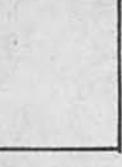
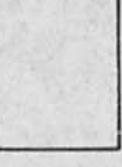
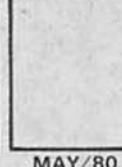
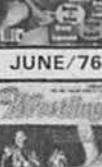
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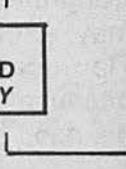
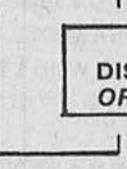
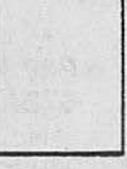
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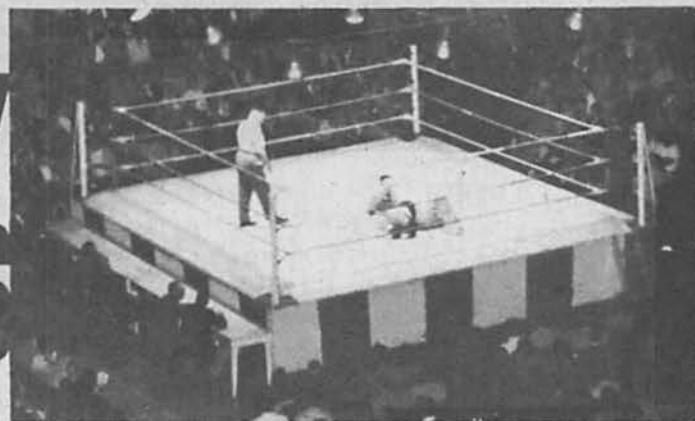
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## FORGIVE AND FORGET

When will people learn to forgive and forget? No one wants to give Ric Flair a chance. I know Flair has done some evil things to Steamboat and Mulligan, but they trust him now. If they trust him, so do I.

Don't forget, people can change. Just remember the way Dusty Rhodes, Blackjack Mulligan, and Dick Slater used to wrestle. If everyone continues to condemn Flair, he may return to rulebreaking. If Flair does turn bad, it won't be because I wouldn't forget his past.

KENNY SHORT  
Kingsport, TN

## THANK YOU, GRAND WIZARD

I just finished reading the March issue of INSIDE WRESTLING. I would like to thank Grand Wizard for selling Pat Patterson's contract to Captain Lou Albano. That transaction made Patterson a better person. He found out he

Reader Kenny Short believes that Ric Flair could slip back into his rule-breaking ways.

could be liked instead of hated.

Since that occurred, Pat Patterson is a fan favorite and no longer a hated wrestler.

I'm glad Pat changed. I'm sorry the Valiant Brothers weren't smart enough to dump Albano before he turned against them.

JOSEPH K CZAKIEWICZ  
Bayone, NJ

## PRESS NEGATIVE ABOUT STEAMBOAT

No wonder Rick Steamboat won't talk to the press. Everything he does, the press has something negative to say about it.

A few months before he and Ric Flair teamed up, you wrote a story about what a good team they'd make. Then when they teamed up, you started writing about how they were bad for each other, and how Steamboat might become a rulebreaker.

Give both of them a chance to show the wrestling world they can be good together and alone.

RONALD POTTER  
Wilmington, NC

## ZBYSZKO IS SLIME

Larry Zbyszko is the lowest piece of slime you could find under a rock. His vicious attack on Bruno Sammartino lost him all the respect of wrestling fans. We respected Zbyszko's abilities.



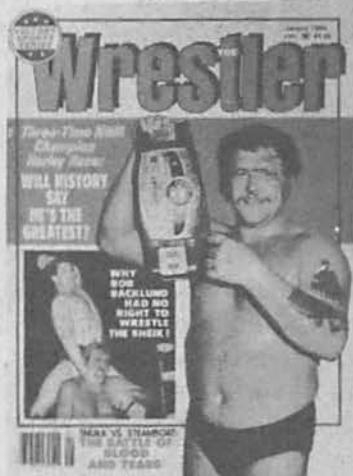
The ringside physician attends to the deep cut over Bruno Sammartino's right eye.

Sammartino was on his own and doing a great job as a TV broadcaster. But Zbyszko, you disappointed us all. As the bout against Bruno progressed, you knew you couldn't match him hold for hold. Your frustrations deepened and you nearly killed the one man who got you a start in professional wrestling. Sorry, Larry, the cost of what you did was too high.

SCOTT DRUYAN  
Bronxville, NY

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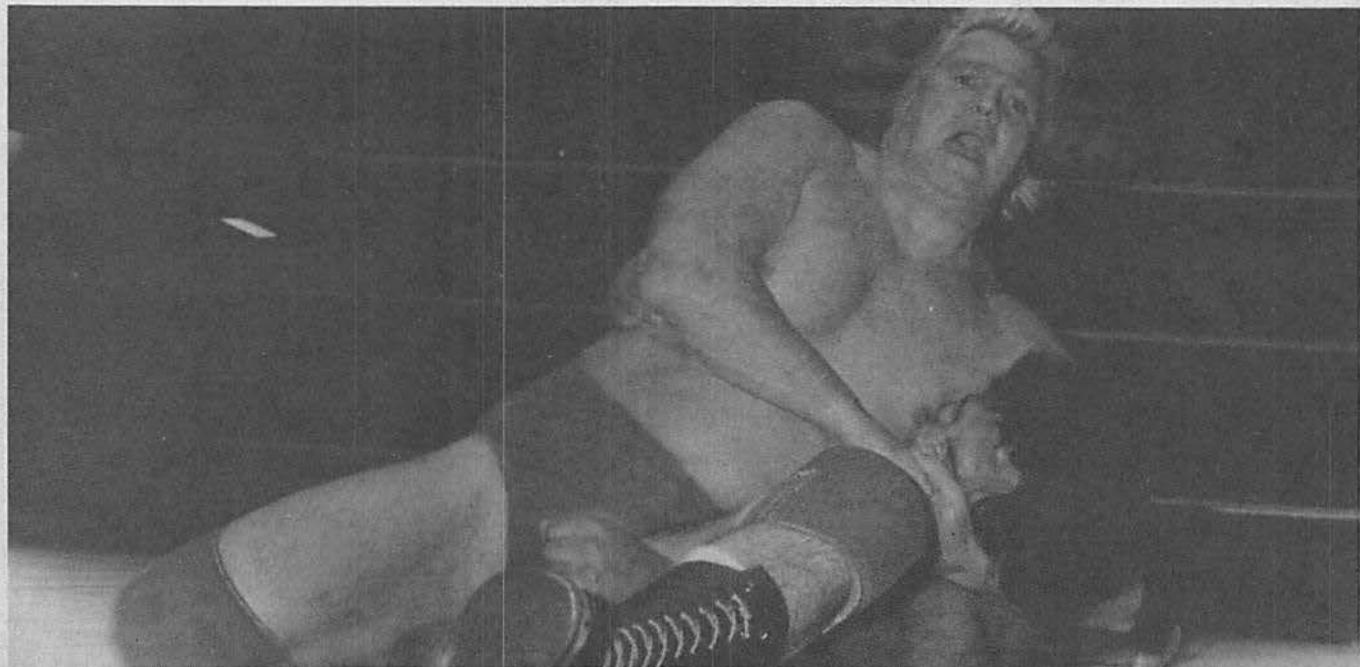


# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

**NEW YORK, NY**—When your stomach growls, feed it. So I step into the nearest dimly lit establishment and order up a cheeseburger with fries. Seemed like a nice place, bunch of guys talking and drinking. Figure I won't be noticed, no autographs, sit and sip in silence. All of a sudden, a loud voice batters my skull. Pat Patterson appears from the back of the joint and hands me a warm greeting. Haven't seen him since he and the Captain had a little tit-tat (Brock's been getting culture from a new lady friend). Pat's changed. A certain contentiousness and arrogance is gone, replaced by pained embitteredness. As much as he hates Captain Lou, Patterson is hurt by the betrayal of both Albano and the Grand Wizard. Patterson told me how difficult it has become to trust someone. We got off on a long tangent about

relationships, friendships, and the quality of New York vs. Brooklyn pizza. Pat wants to go things alone for a while. He wants to wrestle all types of people. I bid Patterson a fond farewell, reassured him he would pursue his ambitions despite the wounds life has inflicted.

**RICHMOND, VA**—Sit down and get your hats blocked, Matt has scoop for you. Paul Jones will turn good guy again! Yes, Paul Jones, the man who turned and blackmailed Rick Steamboat, the man who spit at the fans, will turn into a scientific wrestler. How did this stunning transformation happen? Credit Baron Von Raschke for making Jones see the light. Now Jones won't admit to any of this. If you ask Jones, he'll sneer and snap in typical Jones fashion. He'll insult the fans, their intelligence and ancestry. Besides, he'll put down every



PAT PATTERSON

**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**

scientific wrestler around. But for reasons still unknown, Jones and Von Raschke, former partners, wrestled each other with all the inflamed passions rivals demonstrate. Perhaps Jones misses the cheers of the fans. Perhaps he saw what life is like on the other side of the wrestling tracks and wants back. When he does announce a return to the scientific wrestling world, Jones better anticipate widespread skepticism from the fans. And his colleagues. Paul Jones must undo a great deal of damage before he is again accepted without doubt. If ever.

**HARTFORD, CT**—Back up in the WWF because I couldn't resist. What the hell are the Samoans? Animal, human, or mutated plant life? First time I saw them, I nearly fainted. During the big war (fans can guess, but for all you funsters, it wasn't the War of 1812), old Matt was stationed in Guam. Things got pretty hairy for a while. Rumors persisted Scotland was declaring neutrality and some joker flipped and tossed all the poker chips into the Pacific. Anyway, I was doing jungle patrol, which consisted of taking my rifle and passing out under a tree, when a rumbling noise awoke me. Beasts with frizzy hair rumbled past. I didn't know what they were and swiftly slid under a large plant until they passed. These Samoans look a little like those creatures. Tried to interview them. One of them, can't tell the difference, backed into the corner, horrified at my tape recorder. His partner, the good-looking one, seized the mike and shoved it into his mouth. Civilization amazes the Samoans. Albano will not reveal many details of their past life. Since the Samoans only speak some garbled, unintelligible tongue, which sounds like Matt at three a.m. on a Saturday morning. In all my years as a wrestling writer, I've never seen anything quite like the Samoans. I promise our readers a full-scale story into their bizarre careers in a future issue of INSIDE WRESTLING. □



PAUL JONES



THE SAMOANS

# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

## WRESTLING MAGAZINE

It was simply titled "WRESTLING." And it was the first serious attempt to establish a magazine devoted entirely to professional wrestling which had a regular frequency and a world-wide distribution. The five issues of WRESTLING magazine are perhaps the most sought-after collector's back issues now made available to you.

MARCH 1951—Human Side, Wrestling Whirl, How to Wrestle, New Faces, Popularity Ratings, Strangler Lewis' Life, Sumo Wrestling, Yukon Eric's Life, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Strong Arms, June Byers' Life, George Hackenschmidt vs. Frank Gotch

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## BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, WRESTLING magazine changed its name to BOXING & WRESTLING. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.



NOV. 1951 Boxing—John L. Sullivan, TV Favorites, Lew Jenkins, News of the Month, Joe Louis Kayo Lee Savold, How's Business, Harry Greb, Jimmy Carter Wins Lightweight Crown, Can Robinson Beat Maxim, Historic Photos, Jack Dempsey's Record, Results of the Month, Cartoon.

Wrestling—Superman Lou Thesz, Girl Star Nell Stewart, Ratings, The Garibaldi Clan, Bert Assirati, Greatest Matches, Gus Sonnenberg Beats Strangler Lewis

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DECEMBER 1951 Boxing—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Mariano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston

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JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat

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FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Mariano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

Wrestling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings

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MARCH-APRIL 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Million Dollar Gates, Gene Tunney's Record, Heavyweights of 1952, Trouble with Boxing, Jim Jeffries, Henry Armstrong, Dumb Dan Morgan, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Tex Rickard Story, Ezzard Charles, Jimmy Carter vs. Art Aragon

Wrestling—Fred Von Schacht, Frank Gotch Record, Midgets, Wrestling Whirl, Millie Stafford, Matches of Month, Max Baer in Wrestling, Ratings, Promoter Billy Thom of Indianapolis, Good Old Days

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MAY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Greatest Heavyweights, Johnny Dundee, Harry Matthews, Ratings, Benny Leonard's Record, Tex Rickard Story, Kid Gavilan, Battling Nelson vs. Ad Wolgast Classic, Tommy Burns, New N.Y. Boxing Commissioner Bob Christenberry, Bobby Dykes

Wrestling—Whipper Watson, Old Timers, Wrestling Whirl, Verne Gagne, Great Gama, Matches of Month, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Strangler Lewis, Girl Wrestling in Germany

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JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Paddy, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz

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JULY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weil, Abe Attell, Danny Nardino, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

Wrestling—Lord Bears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days

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AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tender, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas

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SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl

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OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne

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DECEMBER 1952 Boxing—Rocky Marciano, Highlights: Rex Layne Beats Ezzard Charles, etc., Fighting French, Johnny Bratton, Jackie 'Kid' Berg, Boxing Humor, Tommy Garr, Comparing old and new greats, Dave Davey, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Dressing Room Drama, Dramatic Incidents

Wrestling—Killer Kowalski, Record of Gene Stanlee, Jack

Flanagan, Joe Louis Story, Promoter Sam Silverman, Cleveland Williams, Boxing Jinxes, Jack Delaney, Ratings, What Makes a Champion, Johnny Risko

Wrestling—The Buddy Rogers Story, Fred Atkins, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Mule Kick Marlin, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Matt Kosternich, Rick Starr, Lou Thesz vs. Gene Stanlee

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APRIL 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello, Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton, Pat McMurtry, Billy Misce, Ezzard Charles, undefeated Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon)

Wrestling—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds

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MAY 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardino upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellan beats Tiger Jones, Kid Gavilan kayoed Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White)

Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs

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OCTOBER 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie Phil Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Vanni, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds

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DECEMBER 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Marciano kayoed Roland LaStarza (title), Fights of Month, Referee's Problem, Tony Galento and Manager Joe Jacobs, Philadelphia History, Five Best Lightweight Bets, Middleweight History, Battling Siki, Primo Carnera Kills Ernie Schaaf, Jimmy Slattery, Ratings

Wrestling—Lucky Simonovich, Ratings, Mighty Atlas, Reggie Lisowski, Yvon Robert, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl

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O'Reilly, Ratings, June Byers, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Tough Way To Make A Living, Hollywood Promoter Hugh Nichols

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JANUARY 1953 Boxing—Marciano wins title from Walcott, Highlights of Month, The Negro in Boxing, Tommy Collins, Max Baer Story, Ted 'Kid' Lewis, Johnny Gonsalves, Managers' Mistakes, Ratings, Kid Herman, Sparring Partners, Gerald Dryer, Human Punching Bags

Wrestling—Fred Atkins, Rocca's Record, Disgusted Fans, Ratings, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Ronnie Etchinson, Matches of Month, Al "Dragon" Tucker

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MARCH 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Highlights (Ezzard Charles Beats Cesar Brion, Johnny Bratton over Joe Miceli), New Jersey Champions in Every Division, Glen

FEBRUARY 1954 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Ning Valdez, Mickey Walker, Hein Ten Hoff, Featherweight History, Boxing Quiz, Luther McCarty, Joe Louis vs. Bob Pastor, Jack Johnson vs. Tommy Burns, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, Ratings

Ratings—Bill Melby, Primo Carnera, Matches of Month, Raphael Halpern—The Wrestling Rabbi, Ratings, Len Hughes, Fan Clubs, Leo Nomellini, Wrestling Whirl, Remember When

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MARCH 1954 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Red Top Davis, Bantamweight History, Commissioner Frank Wiener, Earl Wals, Ratings, Power of Punch, Batt Battalino vs. Kid Chocolate, Amateurs, Your Boxing I.Q., Ace Hudkins

Wrestling—Dennis Clary, Sandor Kovacs, Ratings, Dory

Funk Sr., Matches of Month, Gossip, Wrestling Whirl, Hans Schmidt, Trading Holds, Record of Lord Bears \$35

**MAY 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Former Champions Speak Out, Fights of Month, Rocky Castillo, Joey Giambra, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Burns, Billy Peacock, Henry Armstrong Wins Title From Petey Sarron, Training, Boxing Quiz, Jimmy Wilde, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Don Leo Jonathan, Eric Pederson, Trading Holds, Top Money Makers, Tarzan White, Matches of Month, Duke Keomaka, Fan Clubs, Remember When \$35

**JULY 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, French Invasion, Archie Moore Can Beat Marciano, Bat Masterson, Gil Turner, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Holly Mims, Vince Dundee vs. Len Harvey, Vince Martinez, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings, Bud Taylor

**Wrestling**—Tor Yamoto, The Larsen Brothers, New Jersey Stars, Ida Mae Martinez, Matches of Month, Frank Jaras, Gossip, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$35

**AUGUST 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Marciano vs. Charles Fight, Fight of Month, Manager Al Weil, Britain's John Sullivan, Al Davis, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Ratings, Battling Nelson's Life, Vince Martinez, Benny Leonard vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Carmine Fiore, Joe Lynch, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Ray Eckert, Ratings, 'Treacherous' Phillips, June Byers, Matches of Month, Gypsy Joe, Gossip, Trading Holds \$35

**OCTOBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giardello Says He'll Kayo Bobo Olson, Harry Greb's Life, Cisco Andrade, Weighing Ins, Tiberio Mitrí Kayoes Randy Turpin, Jack Dempsey vs. Bill Brennan, Walter Cartier, TV is Killing Boxing, Quiz, Ratings, Lew Tender

**Wrestling**—Bobo Brazil, Gloria Barratini, Results of Month, Al Kashey, Wrestling Whirl, Rocky Columbus, Light Heavyweight Champs, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$35

**NOVEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Can Marciano Be Beaten? Sam Langford's Life, Al Andrews, Managers Art Winch & Sam Pian, Billy Lauderdale, Max Schmeling vs. Harry Thomas, Carmelo Costa, Quiz, Ratings, Promoter Norm Rothschild, Stanley Ketchel vs. Jack O'Brien, Maxie Rosenbloom

**Wrestling**—Nell Stewart, Baron Leone, Canadian Champs, Enrique Torres, Matches of Month, Art Neilson, Wrestling Whirl, Dick Raines-Abe Kashey Feud, Gossip \$55

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delaney, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Vanni, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griff, Kid McCoy vs. Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

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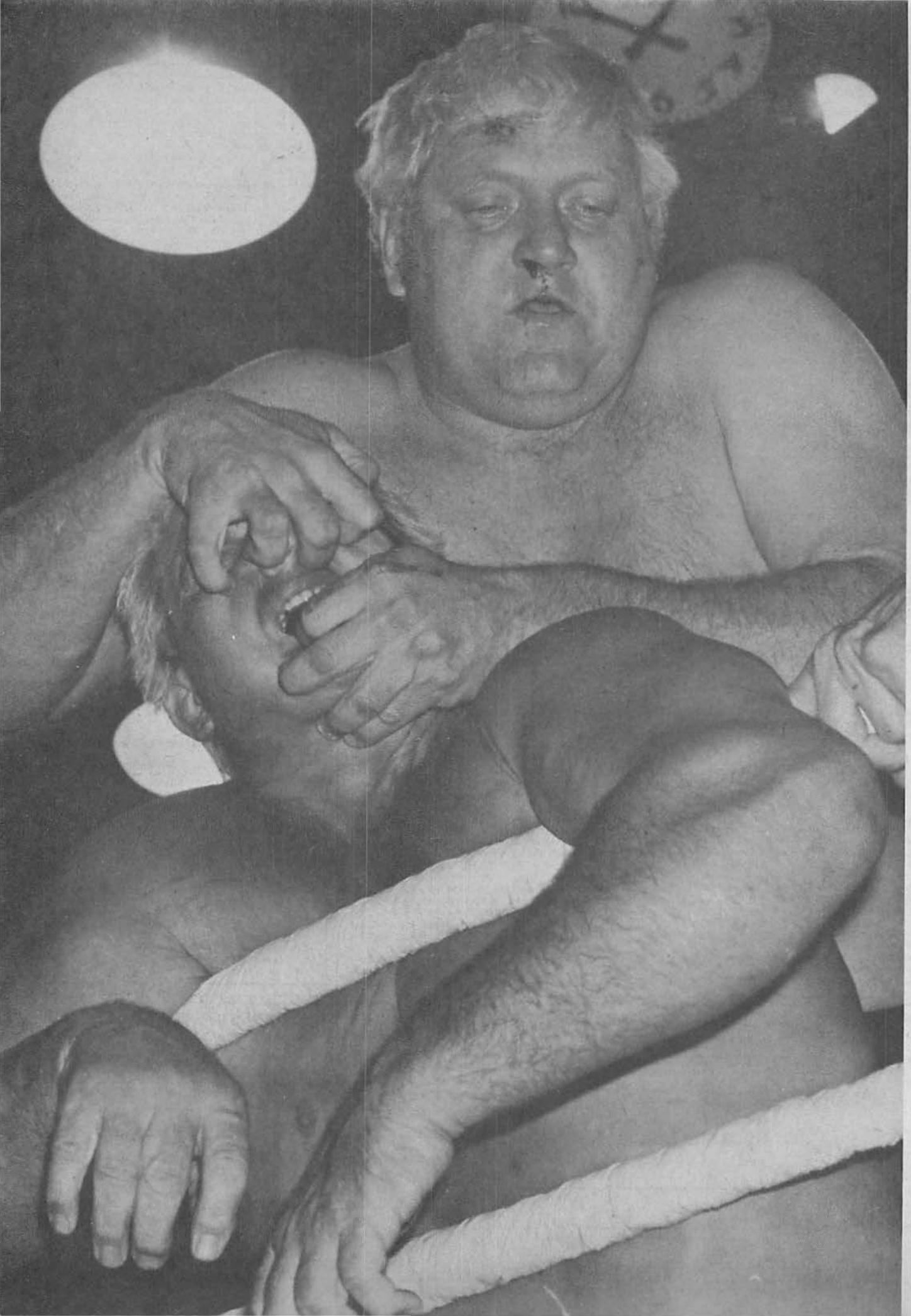
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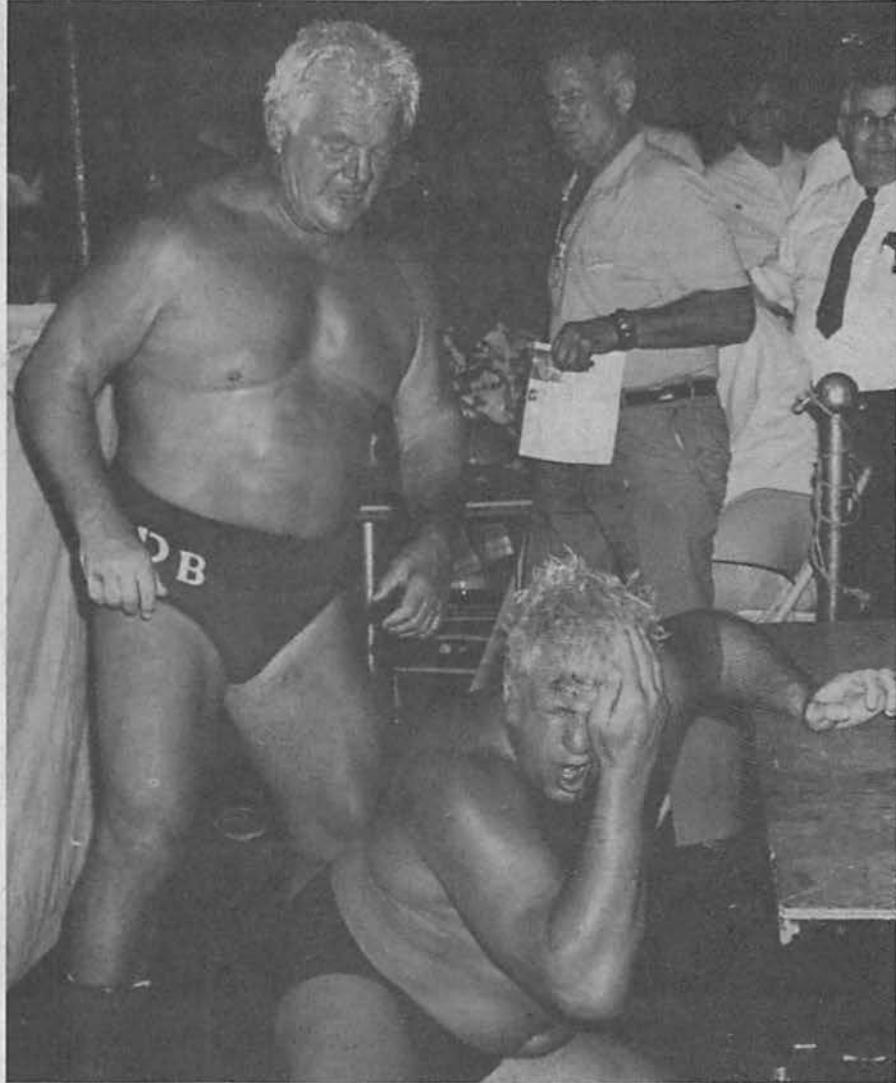
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# DICK MURDOCH: WHY HE PRETENDS TO BE CRAZY

By Dan Shocket

**Is he or isn't he?  
Has Dick Murdoch  
really slipped over  
the thin line  
which separates  
the sane  
from the crazy?  
Will he twitch,  
spasm and dribble  
his way across  
the squared circle?  
Or is he merely  
pretending?  
If so, why?**



Dick "Murder" Murdoch rips into the nostril and mouth of Bruiser (opposite left) and has his head slammed into a ringside table (above). Murdoch wants it to be known that he is "crazy," mainly to put a scare into Kevin Von Erich, the holder of the Missouri State title.

**T**HREE'S A HOLE in the motel room wall. A few seconds before, Dick Murdoch's fist was in it. Now Murdoch examines the damage and smiles.

"Crazy people do things like that," Murdoch tells me. "Write that I'm crazy."

Dick Murdoch is crazy as a fox. He's pushing himself to the physical and mental limits. Of course, when you push to the limits, there's always the risk of going too far. That's a chance Murdoch is ready to take. For him, nothing is more important than regaining his Missouri title.

"I'm going to batter Kevin Von Erich senseless," Murdoch vows, referring to the man who took the Missouri belt from him. "He's kept

the belt much too long. It's an insult to me."

It's almost frightening to watch Murdoch flirt with going too far, getting too brutal. His recent match against Bruiser will someday be regarded as a classic. It was a superb exhibition of wrestling virtuosity. It was also the most violent sporting event in years.

From the opening bell, Murdoch was a whirlwind of fury. Even Bruiser couldn't contain his gouging savagery. The former champ went at his veteran foe with what appeared to be a mad abandon. Only those familiar with Murdoch could see there was a method behind the madness.

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# HOTSEAT

## BLACKJACK MULLIGAN: "I'M OUT TO MAKE SURE NOBODY KILLS WRESTLING"

FOR MOST OF his career, he wrestled as one of the sport's most feared rulebreakers. Many consider him the most dangerous tag team partner of all time. He recently decided to wrestle scientifically. His decision is still sending shock waves through wrestling. He is now the enforcer of the Mid-Atlantic area. He is Blackjack Mulligan.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
BY STEVE FARHOOD

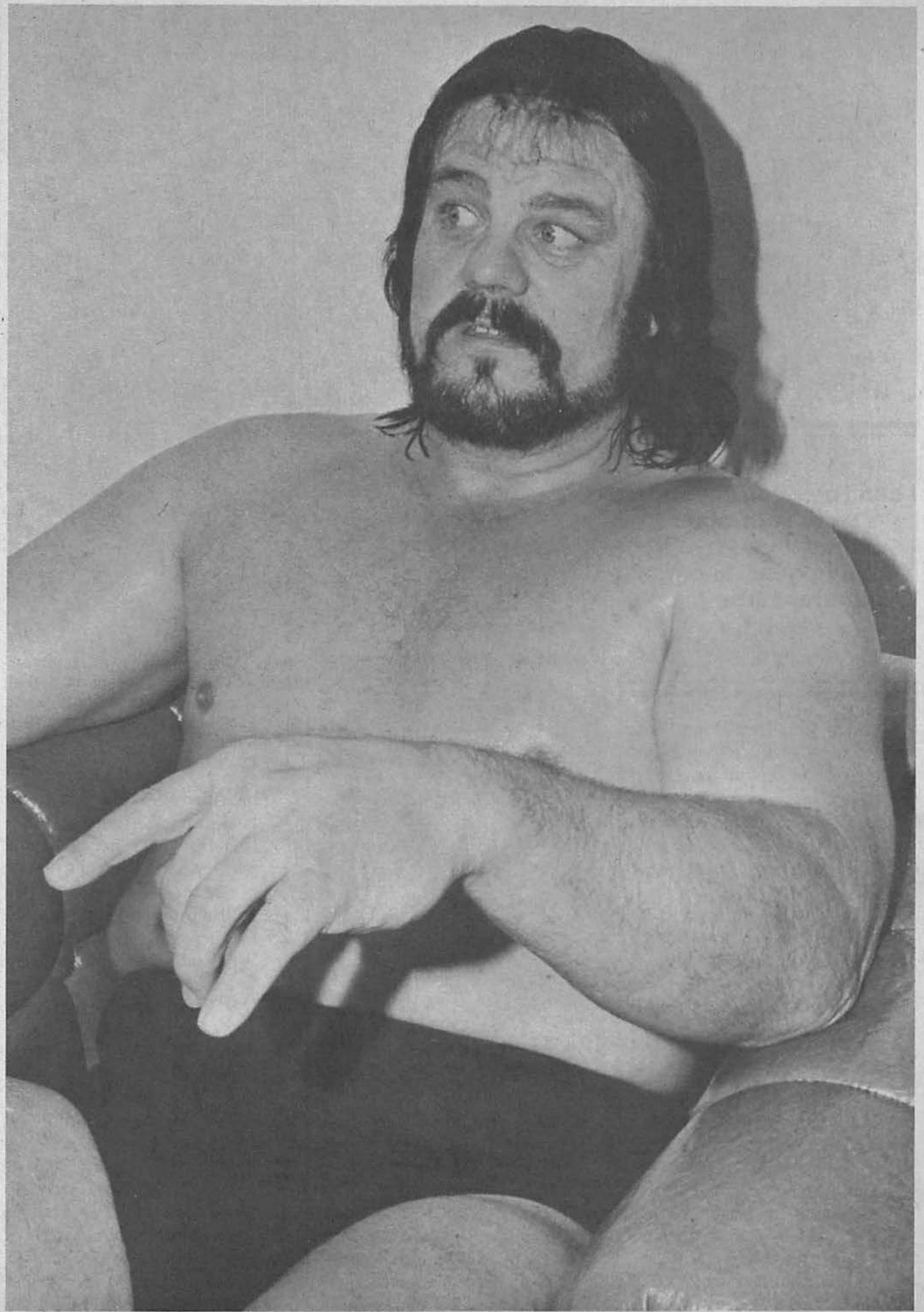
- Q: Welcome to the Hotseat.  
A: Thanks.  
Q: Are you tired of talking about why you changed from a rule-breaker to fan favorite?  
A: Yep.  
Q: Would you do it one more time?  
A: No. I don't have to explain myself to anybody. I do what I want when I want. Anybody doesn't like it, they know

- where to get me.  
Q: How does it feel to wrestle some of your old friends?  
A: I like it fine. They think they can run roughshod over wrestling. They think they're

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Q: That sounds a lot like the reason you changed from rulebreaker to fan favorite.

- A: It'll do as good as any.  
Q: When did you first feel wrestling was bigger than any wrestler?  
A: That's personal.  
Q: I think that kind of discovery could be important to everybody.  
A: Okay. After the last time Blackjack Lanza and I lost our tag team title, we decided to take a "vacation." A long vacation. We figured we'd punish wrestling for stealing our titles. Well, wrestling went on without us. That was a real shocker. I started thinking. For years, I'd been taking from wrestling without giving. It was time to give something back.  
Q: So you became an enforcer.  
A: You could say that.  
Q: Is there anyone you wouldn't wrestle from your old days?  
A: I'd break Blackjack Lanza in two if it would help wrestling.





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I don't befriend anybody. I work with other people if we have a common goal. The goal is important. The people aren't.

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Lanza used to be my best friend, but he still wrestles dirty. Sooner or later, I'll have a showdown with Lanza and only one of us will walk out of the ring.

**Q:** Concerning your new friends . . .

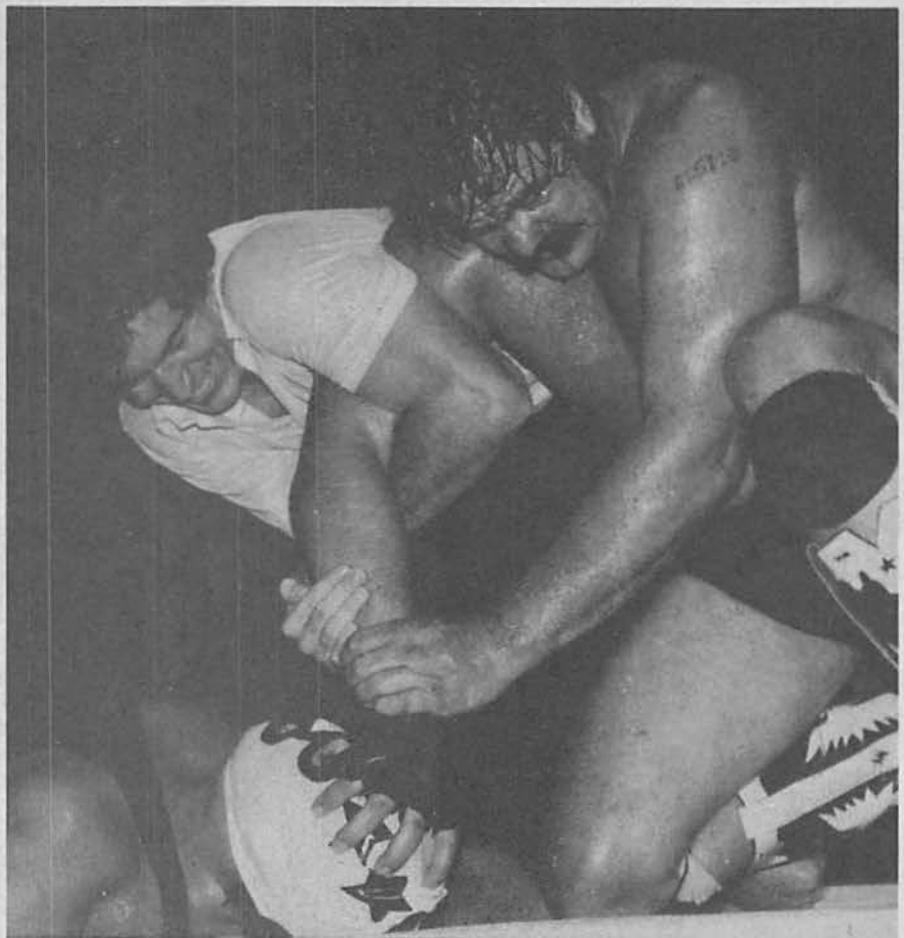
**A:** I don't have *any* friends. At least, not in wrestling. Things change too violently in this sport to have real friends. Every wrestler in the world is my potential enemy.

**Q:** Yet, you do befriend men like Rick Steamboat and Ric Flair.

**A:** I don't befriend anybody. I work with other people if we have a common goal. The goal is important. The people aren't. My goal won't change if Ric Flair becomes a rule-breaker tomorrow.

**Q:** And what is your goal?

**A:** I'm out to make sure nobody



Above: The referee tries to break Mulligan's clawhold as opponent Masked Superstar loses consciousness. Left: Mulligan scoops and slams Big John Studd.

hate the man. He turned his back on wrestling and his friends. I have to teach him a lesson. And I've got to teach a lesson to anyone thinking of following in the bum's footsteps.

**Q:** What about Valentine and Stevens?

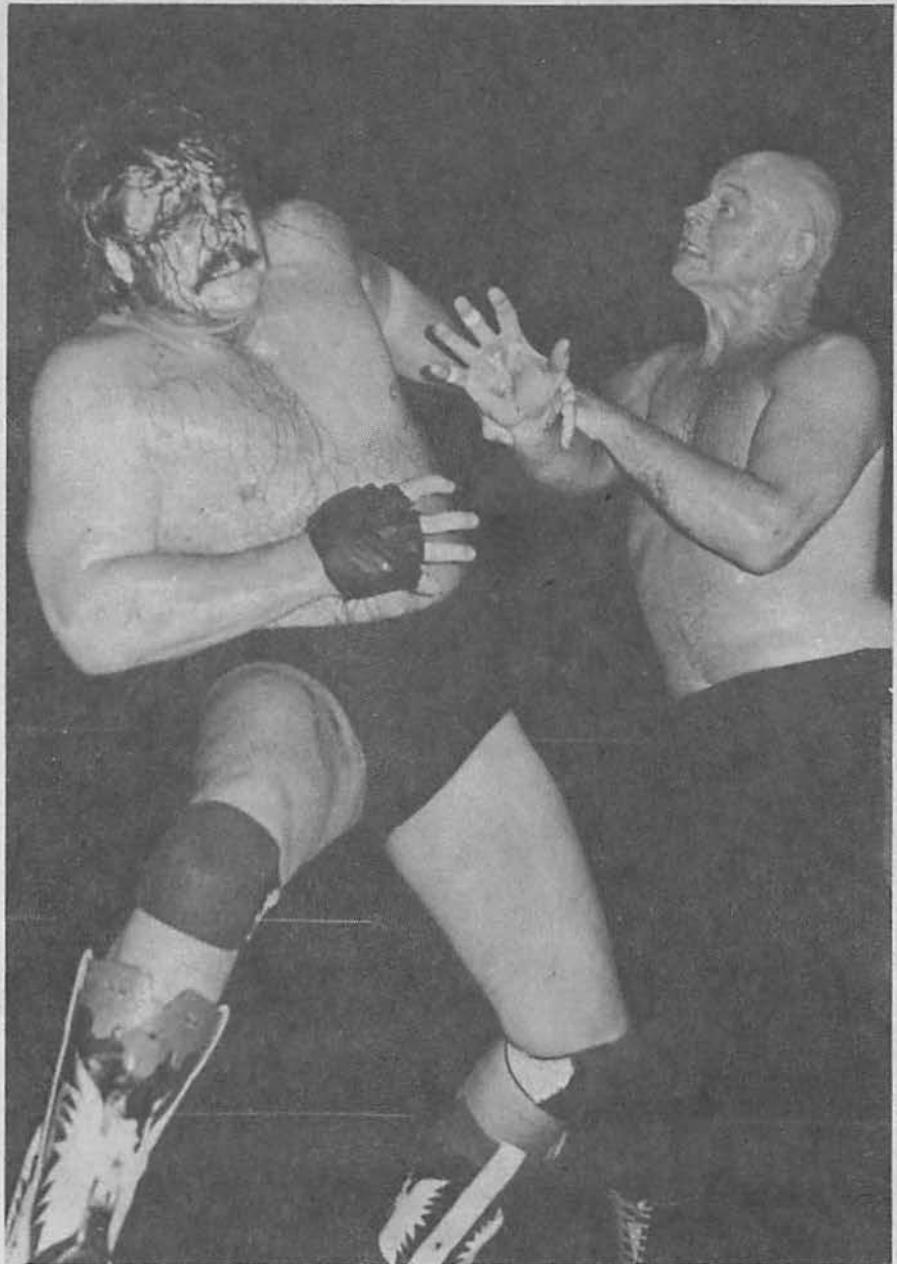
**A:** If Valentine and Stevens have any reign as tag team champions, I'll find me a partner and beat them into oblivion. Stevens has said a lot of bad things about me, and it's about time I shut his mouth.

**Q:** Being a fan favorite hasn't made you any friendlier.

**A:** Nope. I'm still in wrestling to crack heads. I like violence. I'm most alive when someone is battered senseless by me. It's a feeling I can't describe

kills wrestling. Rats like Jimmy Snuka, Greg Valentine, and Ray Stevens would destroy the sport for a few bucks. I've got to make sure they fail.

**Q:** How do you plan to do that? Jimmy Snuka's career will end in a match against me. I



Baron Von Raschke's claw is stopped as a bleeding Mulligan grabs the Baron's arm. This bout was one of the bloodiest ever seen in the Mid-Atlantic.

- but I can't live without.
- Q:** Have you always felt like that?
- A:** Yeah. I guess that's why I became a rulebreaker. Ever feel the electricity a guy gives off when he's squirming in agony? Rulebreakers can make people squirm more than other guys. Of course, no matter what, I make people squirm.
- Q:** How do you feel when an opponent is being taken out on a stretcher?
- A:** I feel like I put in a good day's work. It's his job not to get hurt. Don't expect me to feel

- bad if some bum can't do his job.
- Q:** Do you think wrestling has to be this violent?
- A:** Nothing has to be anything. People choose to make wrestling violent. People who like violence are attracted to it. I'm attracted to it.
- Q:** Do you ever worry about getting hurt?
- A:** No. I do my job.
- Q:** We haven't mentioned Harley Race or the NWA title yet.
- A:** No need. Within a year, I'll be NWA champ and Harley Race will be wrestling pre-



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**Within a year, I'll be NWA champ and Harley Race will be wrestling prelims in Oshkosh. It'll be good for wrestling if I'm champ. It'll be good for me, too.**

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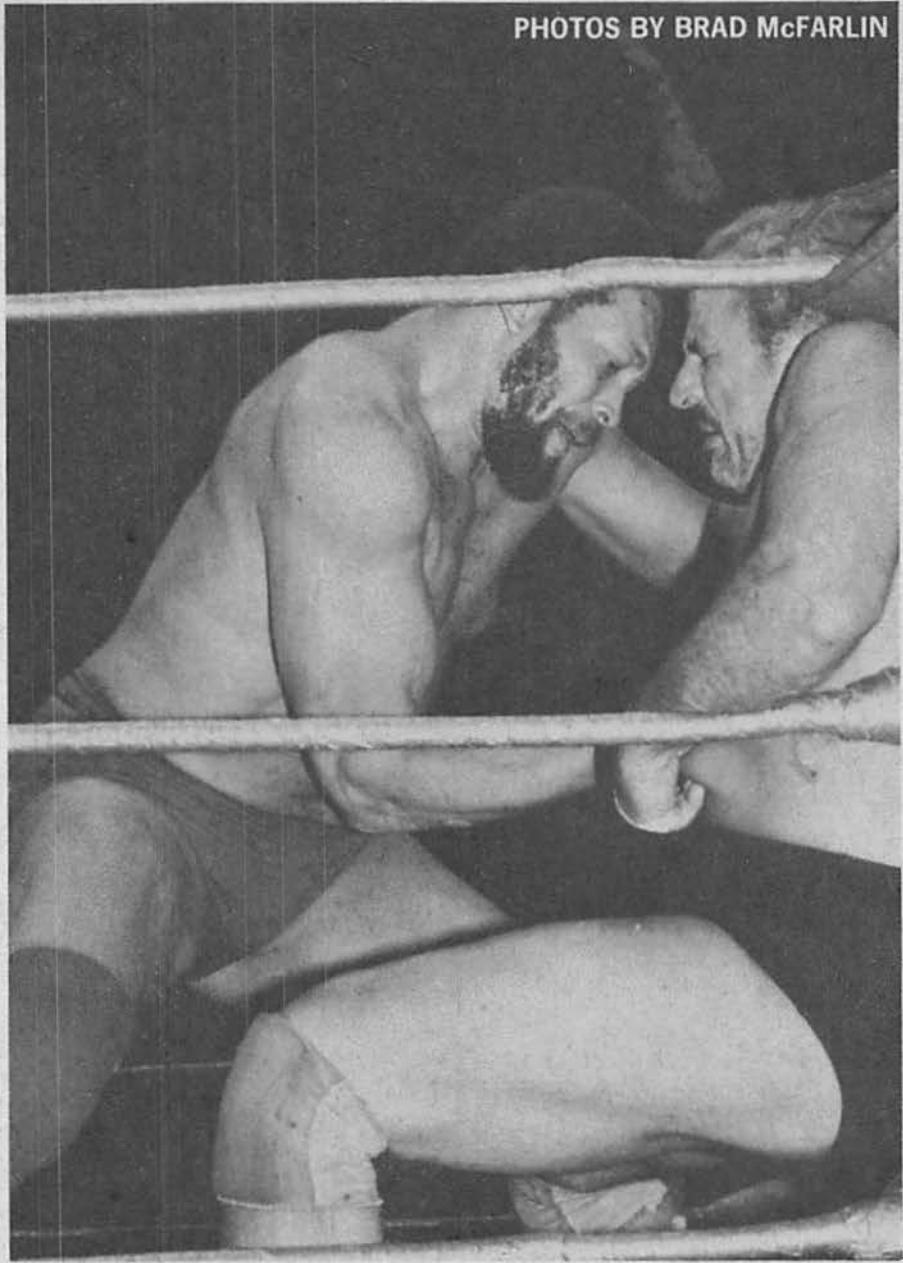
- Q:** What makes you so sure of yourself?
- A:** I get what I want, no matter what. I want the NWA belt.
- Q:** If you become champion, then what?
- A:** It'll be the greatest thing for wrestling since the invention of the ring. I'll defeat Bob Backlund and Nick Bockwinkel, become the one true world champion, then tour the world and take on all comers. I'll be immortal, remembered in the record books for all time.
- Q:** You don't plan small.
- A:** I don't have to.
- Q:** Well, thanks very much for being on the Hotseat.
- A:** I'm glad it's over. Talk isn't very important to me. Action is all that counts. □

**They are two warped  
men intent on  
demolishing, perhaps  
mutilating each other.**

**It was a match  
so horrible, so cruel  
fans left by the  
dozens, unable to  
withstand the  
crunching cacophony  
of terror. Only  
Ernie Ladd and  
The Sheik are  
capable of such  
unrelenting barbarism**

# **Ernie Ladd vs. The Sheik:**

PHOTOS BY BRAD McFARLIN



**Ernie Ladd rips into the Sheik's midsection in the corner.**

# **A STUDY IN BRUTALITY**

**E**VERY MAN HAS to prove to himself that he is a man. Some men shoot the rapids in a canoe; some hunt big game with a bow and arrow; some climb sheer cliffs thousands of feet high; and some battle The Sheik.

Ernie Ladd stared the reporter straight in the eye and swore, "I'm the toughest wrestler in the world. No man, no two men, and no army can stop me. Some people think The Sheik is too tough for me. They say he's the toughest man alive." Ladd grinned coldly, looking like a snake must feel before striking. "I'm getting

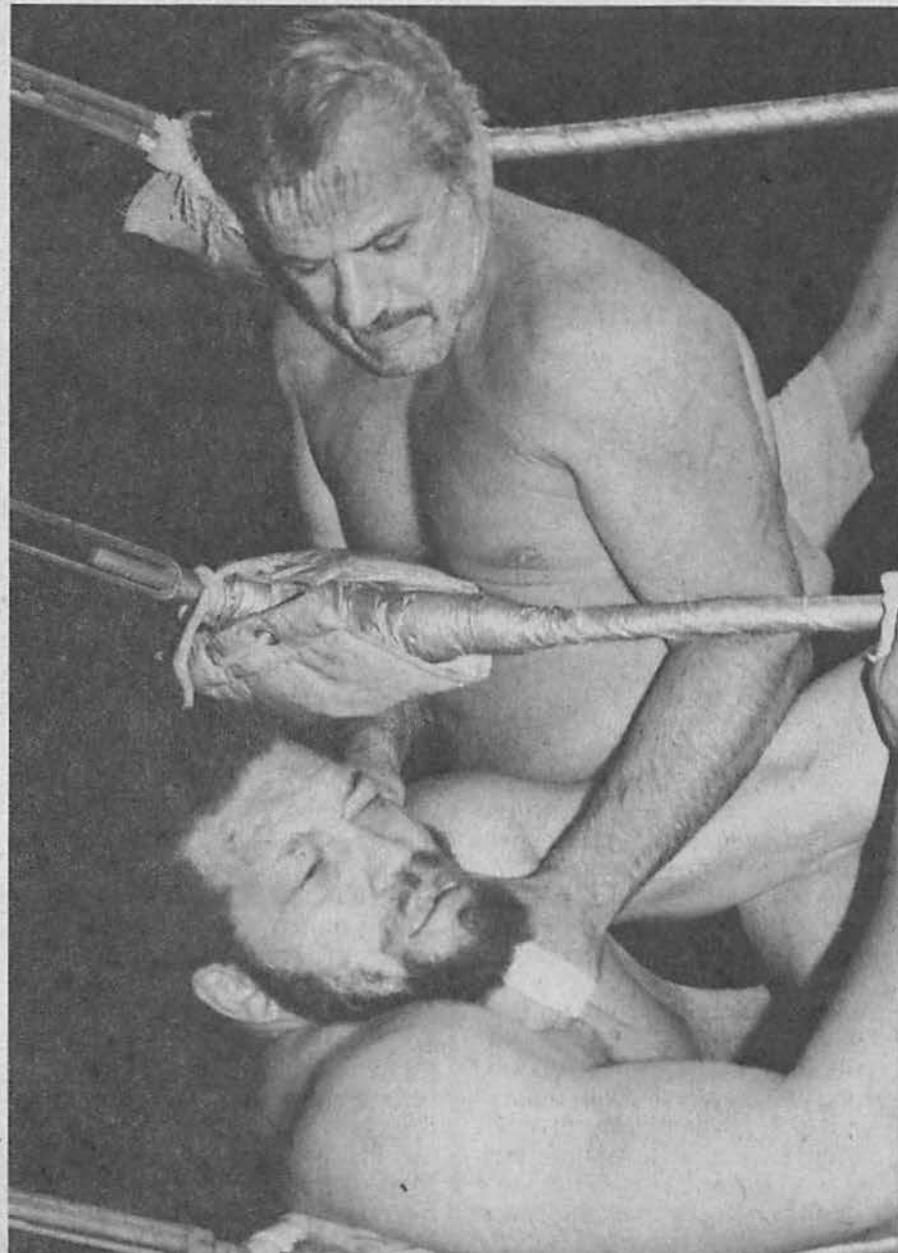
ready to show the world that The Sheik isn't tough at all."

Ladd's huge frame arose and ambled toward the door. Ernie walks with the kind of swagger that makes other men give him plenty of room. His hand was on the doorknob when he turned around and made a final statement.

"After this match," he promised, "The Sheik won't be able to show his face. Yep, after this match, no one will have to wonder who's the toughest wrestler around."

Ladd then left.

The night of the match, Ladd didn't seem all that sure of



The Sheik digs his thumb into Ladd's windpipe.



Ladd awaits medical attention in the dressing room following the bout. His disqualification victory was hardly satisfying.

himself. He paced the dressing room like a caged animal. Despite what he bragged, Ladd knew The Sheik was always dangerous. Too many people—great athletes—discovered their match against The Sheik was their last match ever. In every wrestler, one can recount at least a single instant of mercy or compassion. Every wrestler except The Sheik.

In his dressing room, The Sheik sat almost perfectly still. There's comfort in madness, and The Sheik is mad. Only a madman can know no fear and The Sheik fears nothing. Many wrestlers claim to fear nothing, but only The Sheik would calmly risk his career to execute an almost impossible maneuver. Many wrestlers have been left shaking after only watching films of The Sheik wrestle.

Finally, it was time for the confrontation to begin. It promised to be a bloody battle to determine the supremacy of wrestling cruelty. Once inside the ring ropes, Ladd no longer appeared worried. The bloodlust was in him and ached for combat.

The Sheik stared hard at his opponent, but it was impossible to tell what the wily Arab was

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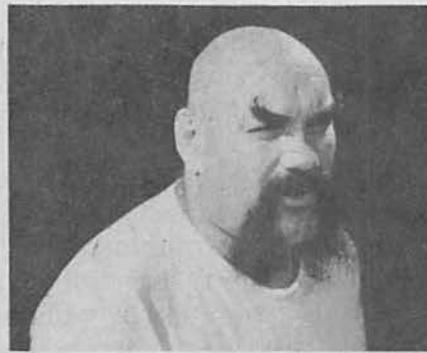
## DALLAS, TX

By Shawn Hodges



**KEVIN VON ERICH**

vs.  
**OX BAKER**



Kevin Von Erich brought the reign of Ox Baker as American Heavyweight champion to a quick halt. Kevin proved that despite his youth, he is in good enough condition to battle the sport's toughest men. It took him just over nine minutes to bring Baker to the canvas with his clawhold. Kevin was given the belt and was joined in the ring by his brothers, David and Kerry.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Mark Lewin was counted out against Kerry Von Erich . . . The Spoiler won by disqualification over David Von Erich . . . Dick Murdoch drew with Jonathan Boyd.

## GAINESVILLE, GA

By Lenis Sargent



**TERRY FUNK**

vs.  
**MR. WRESTLING II**



The main event was a bloody bouncy match. The action was so furious that it appeared both wrestlers would drop from exhaustion. Mr. Wrestling II assumed the upperhand. Killer Kahn, sensing defeat for his friend, attacked II while the referee's back was turned, setting up the victory for Funk.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Bob Backlund defended his WWF belt against Austin Idol . . . Ivan Koloff and Alexis Smirnoff wrestled to a time-limit draw with Ole and Lars Anderson . . . Ray Candy won by disqualification over Killer Kahn.

## HAMPTON, VA

By George Clark



**RIC FLAIR**

vs.  
**GENE ANDERSON**



Flair had to defeat Anderson within 30 minutes with the figure-four leglock or have his head shaved with barber's shears. Anderson evaded Ric for the first few minutes of the match. However, the ever-cunning Flair took command of the bout and trapped Anderson in the figure-four with 12 minutes to spare. The "Golden Mane" was safe.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Jay Youngblood was knocked out with a foreign object by Ray "Crippler" Stevens . . . Fabulous Moolah retained her title against Vivian St. John . . . Swede Hanson and Dewey Roberston got by Tony Garea and Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods.

# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## BALTIMORE, MD

By Leonard Helman Jr.



**IVAN PUTSKI**

vs.

**KEN PATERA**



Polish Power vs. The World's Strongest Man. Both wrestlers tried to prove their muscular capabilities in the early stages of the bout. Patera, knowing that he could not stand up to the tremendous power of Putski, resorted to his usual dirty tactics. These tactics caused Putski to fall outside the ring. The referee gave Putski a 10-count and declared Patera the controversial winner.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Samoans defeated Tito Santana and Gorilla Monsoon . . . Hulk Hogan crushed Dominic DeNucci . . . Larry Zbyszko and Hussein Arab drew . . . Rene Goulet stopped Baron Scicluna.

## CALHOUN, GA

By Amanda Coates



**TOMMY RICH**

vs.

**AUSTIN IDOL**



Tommy Rich did not let the people down. He showed Austin Idol who was the real heart-throb. Idol did anything he could to beat Tommy, but it didn't do any good. The more Idol gave, the more Tommy gave back. Austin Idol should know by now not to mess with "Wildfire." He never learns.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Tony Atlas beat Rick Oliver . . . Buzz Sawyer defeated Carl Fergie.

## COMMACK, NY

By Steve Starlust



**BOB DUNCUM**

vs.

**BOB BACKLUND**



Both wrestlers hurled each other to the hard floor on numerous occasions. Backlund slammed Duncum to the concrete and the Texan retaliated with a back-breaker. The Champ managed to climb back into the ring and stunned Duncum with a brilliant maneuver just as the curfew bell sounded.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Hulk Hogan beat Tito Santana . . . Larry Zbyszko toppled Steve King . . . Dominic DeNucci defeated Johnny Rodz . . . Rene Goulet out-classed Baron Scicluna . . . Ivan Putski bested Hussein Arab.

*Larry Zbyszko Leaves Bruno...*

# DROWNING IN A POOL OF



## BLOOD!

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Few friends were as warm, as close as Bruno Sammartino and Larry Zbyszko. They shared everything. Yet a simmering resentment burnt at Zbyszko's insides. It burnt and gnawed and twisted until the hatred and rage spilled out in one frightening, bloody evening

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**T**HREE'S AN OLD Roman saying, "It is better to kill your enemy than humiliate him. For sooner or later, you will have to kill him or he will kill you."

Someone mentioned that to Bruno Sammartino as the doctor stitched up the wrestler's wounds. Bruno nodded but said nothing. He was too sad to speak.

In another dressing room, Larry Zbyszko sat trembling. A thousand different thoughts jumbled in his brain as he tried to explain himself. He'd begin a sentence, shake his head, then start again. Suddenly, the trembling stopped.

"He didn't respect me," Larry said in a voice somewhere between a whisper and a hiss. "He treated me like a kid instead of an opponent. I can take a beating from anyone without going crazy. But he went after my pride! That's why I went after him."

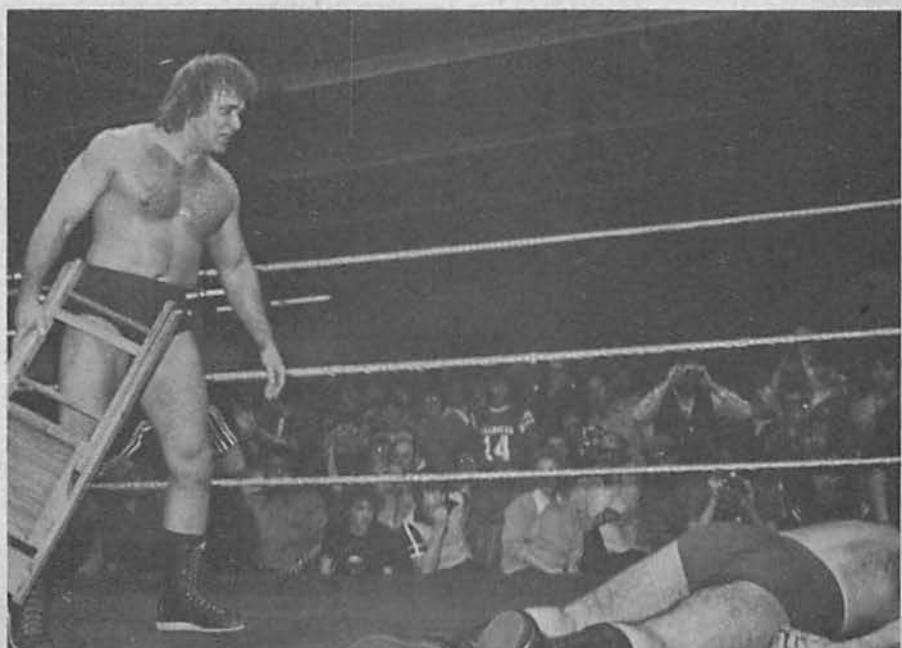
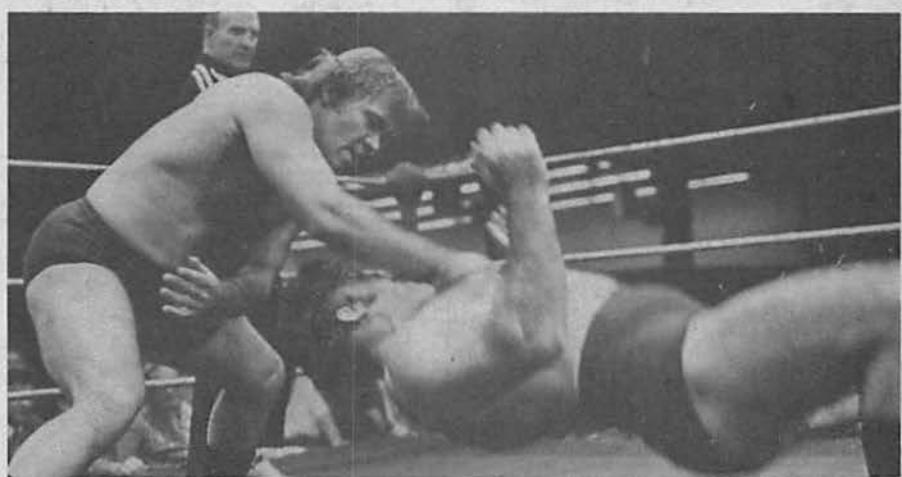
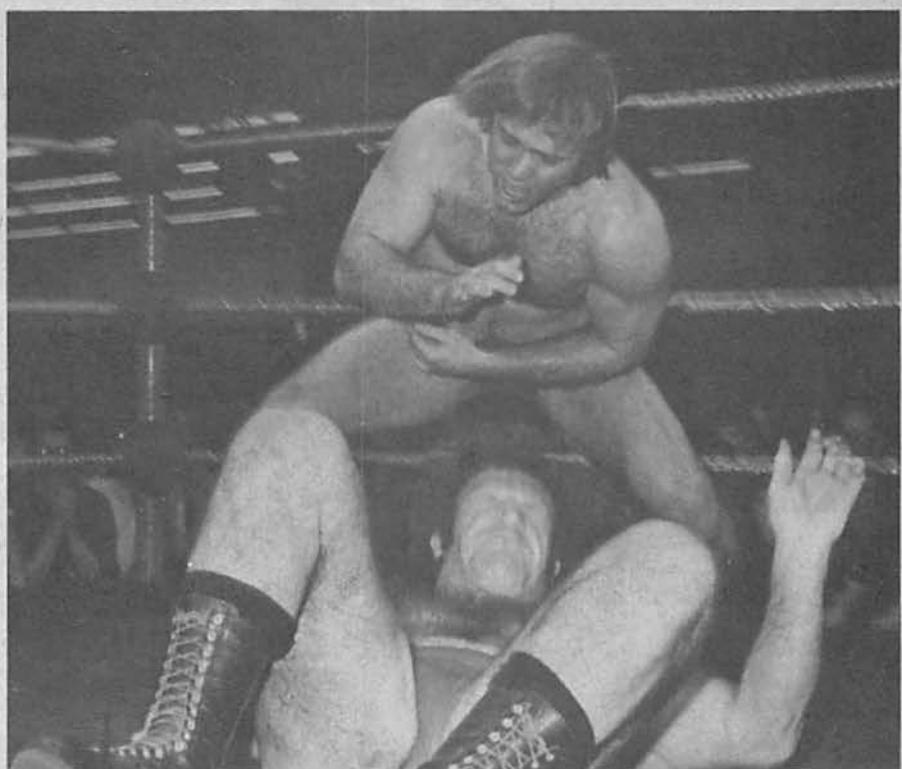
It was a strange and horrible ending to a sad series of events. Weeks before, Larry had felt himself smothered by the shadow of Bruno Sammartino. The wrestling legend had helped Larry from the beginning of the youngster's career. It was inevitable that Larry would be known as Bruno's grappler.

Over the years, Larry has enjoyed a successful and honorable career. However, his name has always been linked with Bruno's. Larry believed he would never have a career in his own right. He could never be his own man. It was time to cut himself away from Bruno Sammartino.

There was only one way to do it. Larry felt he had to wrestle

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Top: Zbyszko shows the strain, Bruno the pain, of Larry's armdrag. Middle: Another view of the armdrag. Bottom: After seven minutes of scientific action, Larry goes berserk and grabs a ringside chair. Note an unconscious Bruno at the bottom of the photo.



# INSIDE WRESTLING'S

# OFFICIAL RATINGS

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters,  
And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

World  
Wrestling  
Federation



Champion:  
**BOB BACKLUND**

American  
Wrestling  
Association



Champion:  
**NICK BOCKWINKEL**

National  
Wrestling  
Alliance



Champion:  
**HARLEY RACE**

Most Popular  
Wrestlers



1—**DUSTY RHODES**

Most Hated  
Wrestlers



1—**KEN PATERA**

Tag Teams



1—**THE SAMOANS**



**1—KEN PATERA**



**1—VERNE GAGNE**



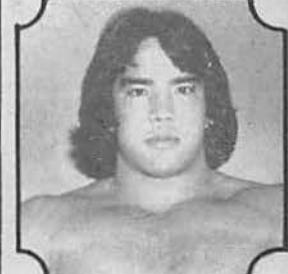
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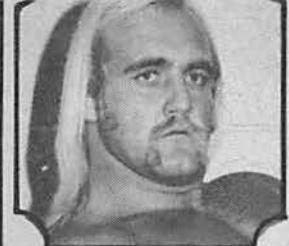


**2—ANDRE THE GIANT**



**2—TERRY FUNK**





2—HULK HOGAN



2—DINO BRAVO



2—JIMMY SNUKA



3—Ivan PUTSKI



3—GREG VALENTINE



2—RICK STEAMBOAT & JAY YOUNGBLOOD



3—PAT PATTERSON



3—CRUSHER



3—MR. WRESTLING II



4—BOB BACKLUND



4—MASKED SUPERSTAR



3—VERNE GAGNE



4—Ivan PUTSKI



4—GREG GAGNE



4—MANNY FERNANDEZ



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# INSIDER

By STEVEN FARHOOD

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

A major national publishing company has offered Terry Funk \$100,000 to write a startling, no-holds-barred book on professional wrestling!

The book concerns Funk's years in the squared circle, presented in an honest, open fashion.

Early reports indicate that Funk is seriously considering the publishing company's offer. While the publishing executives

wouldn't comment on this matter, a mail room clerk, who happens to be a loyal wrestling fan, is more than willing to speak.

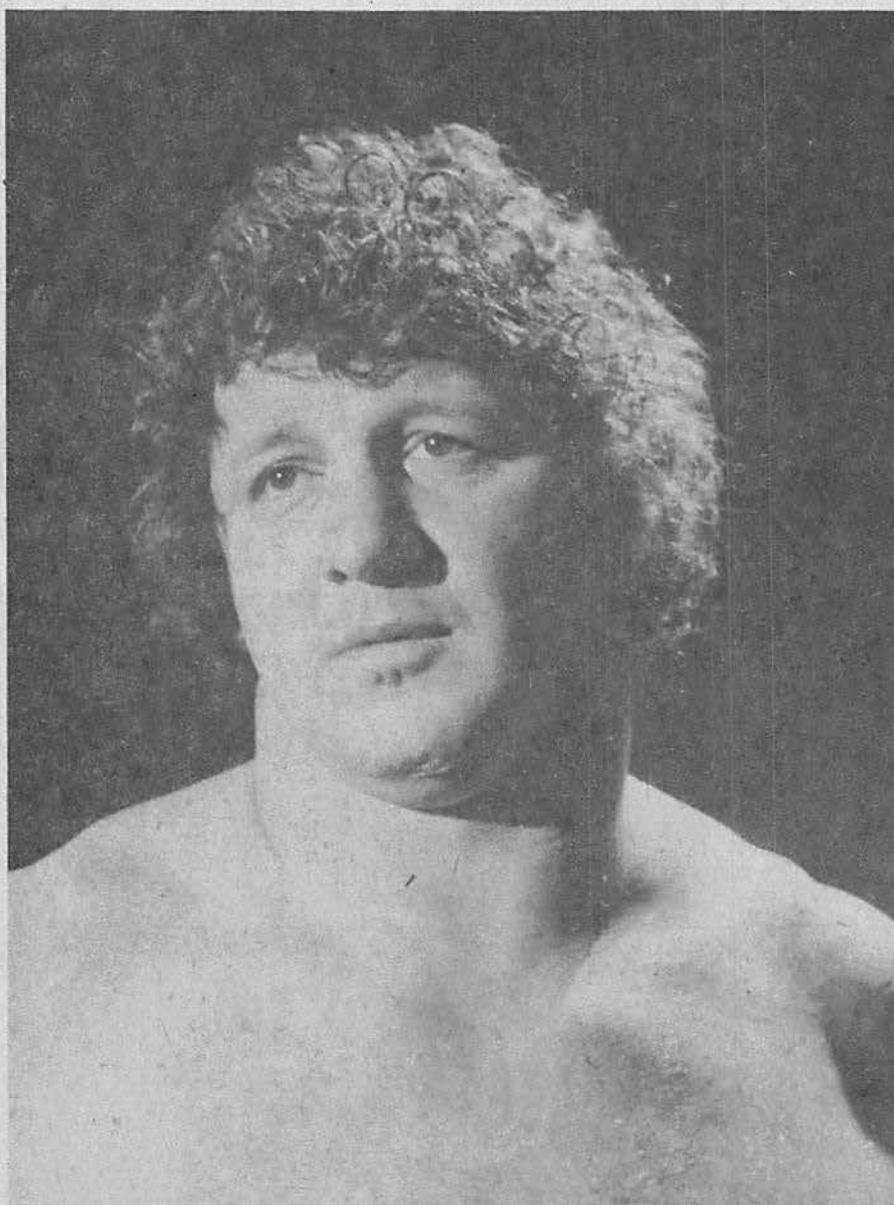
The clerk, Charles Spoyer (pronounced Spoy-yay), came across an outline Funk presented on his project.

"I was sorting the mail, and when I spotted this thick letter with Terry Funk's return-address on the envelope, I couldn't help but sneak a peak," Spoyer said. "Inside the envelope were a lot of the ideas that Funk was thinking about basing the book on."

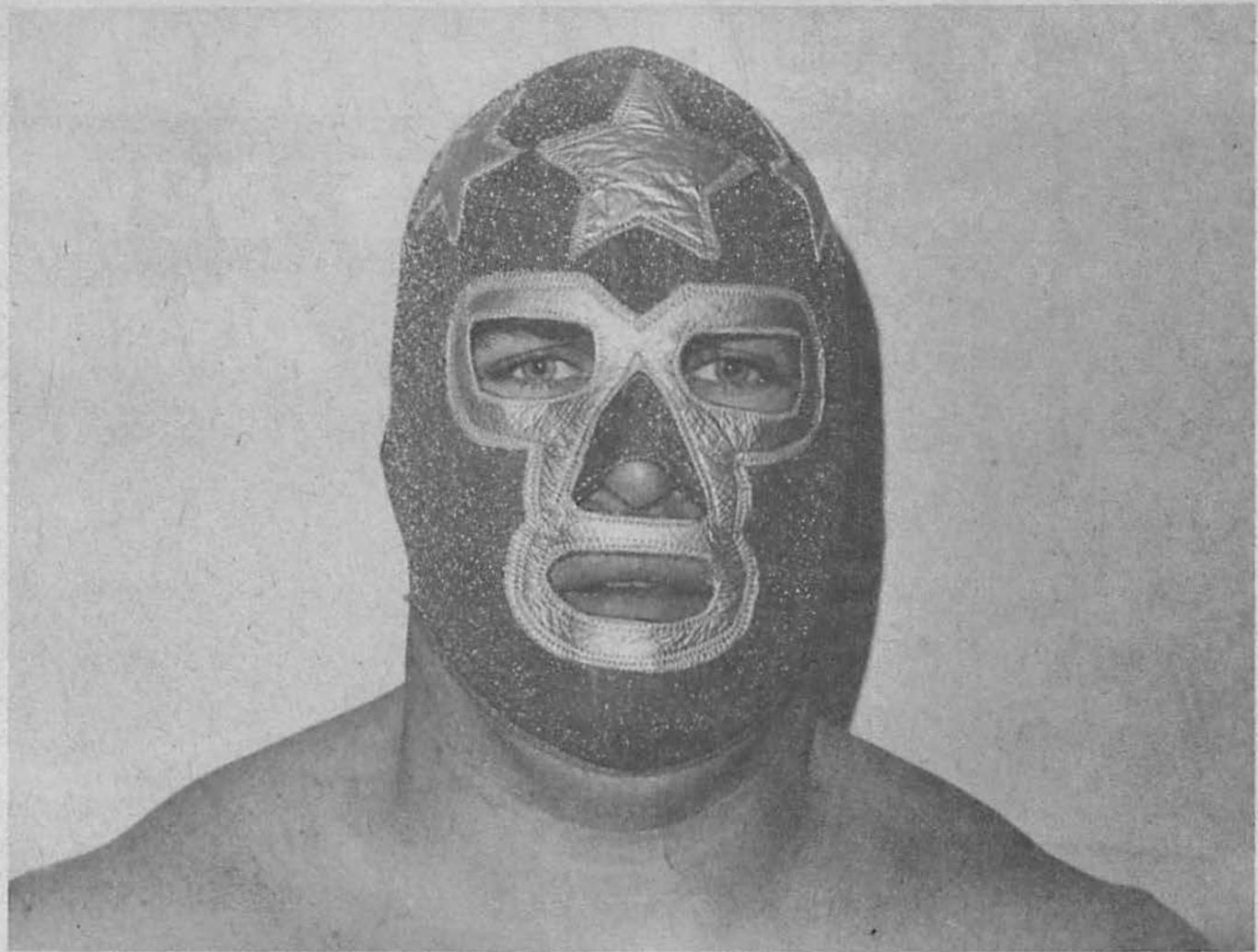
Spoyer listed several of the suggested chapters. Many of them seem controversial and dangerously informative. Among the chapters were *The Night I Saved My Brother From The Police*; *Why Jack Brisco Won't Live To See Forty*; *Harley Race: A Champion Petrified Of His Own Shadow*; and *Why I Broke Dusty Rhodes' Arm*.

"I don't know how serious Funk is about writing the book, but I do know that there aren't many things that mean more to him than \$100,000," said Spoyer.

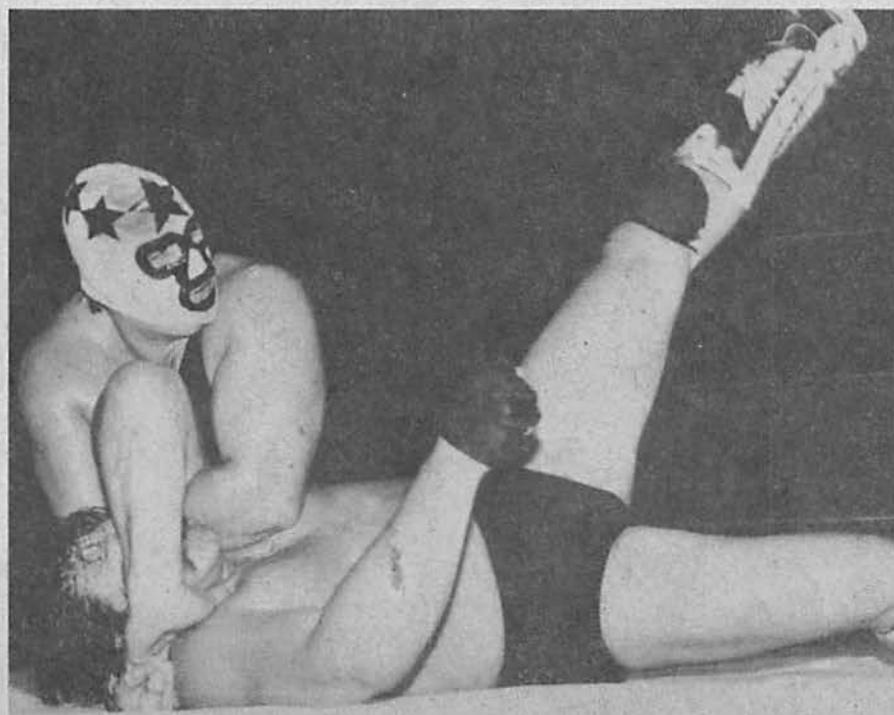
Spoyer has promised to keep feeding us the word on the latest developments in this fascinating story. Needless to say, if Funk goes through with it, the secrets of a lot of wrestlers, managers, promoters, and fans will be revealed. Professional wrestling will never be the same!



Terry Funk may be spending some of his time behind a typewriter.



Despite the extra-terrestrial appearance of his mask, Masked Superstar is a full-fledged member of the human race. His sanity, however, is questionable. Blackjack Mulligan writhes from the pain of Masked Superstar's Cobra Hold (below). Fans fear that Masked Superstar's reign of terror is just beginning and the Mid-Atlantic states will never be the same.



## RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** Wrestling insiders in the state of Georgia have been circulating the rumor that Masked Superstar is really a strange being from an alien world. Heavy research has revealed that no birth records and no family lineage can be found to trace Superstar's existence.

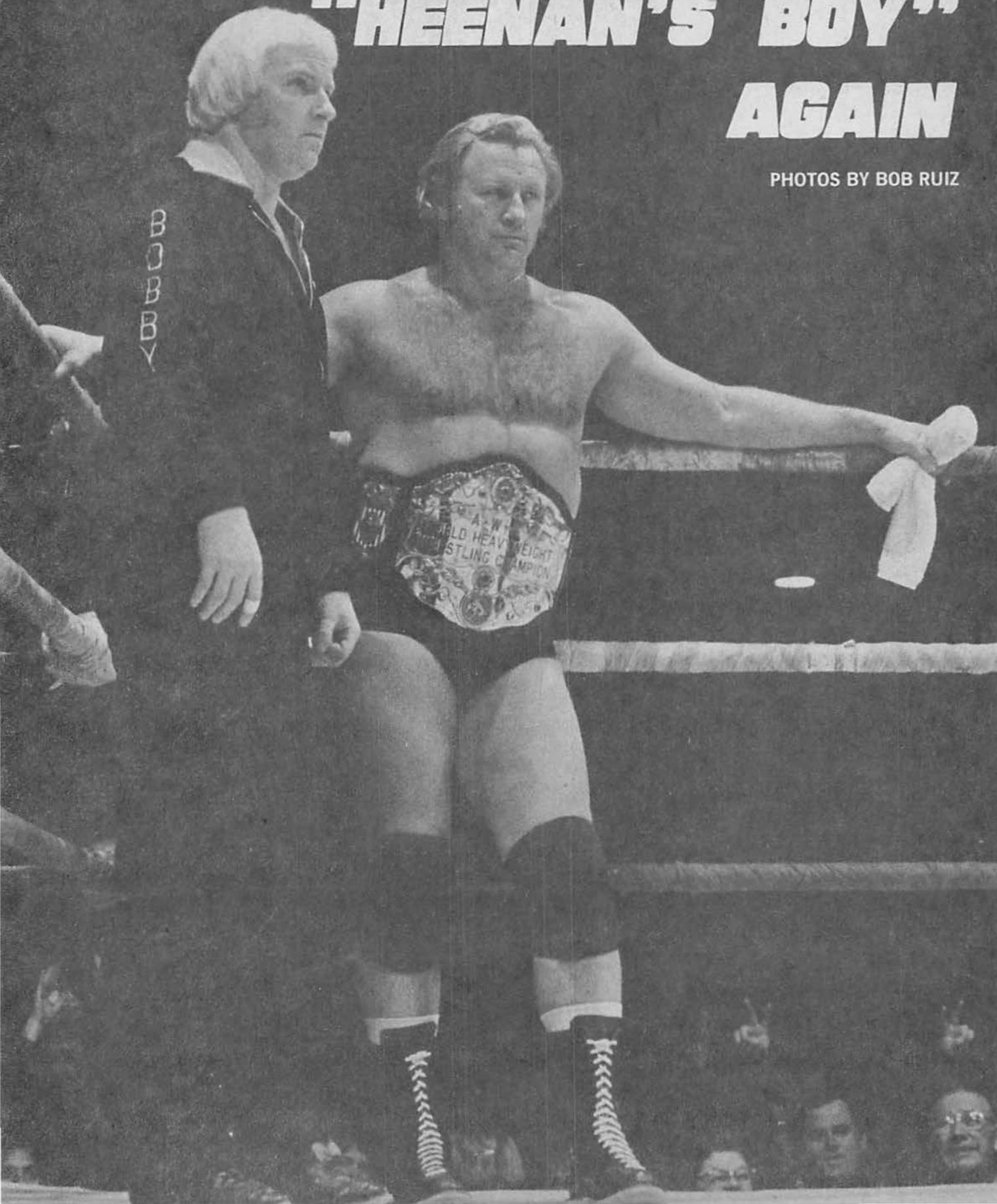
**FACT:** Though Masked Superstar often behaves as if the human race is a foreign species to him, this rumor is ridiculous and completely unfounded. If no one knows Superstar's real name or place of birth, how can they expect to find his past history? I will admit, however, the rumor that he escaped several years ago from a maximum-security insane asylum has never been disproved.

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# **NICK BOCKWINKEL - "HEENAN'S BOY" AGAIN**

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**Despite Nick Bockwinkel's successes, despite his own immense intellect and cunning, he frankly missed Bobby Heenan's influence. When Heenan announced he was returning to the AWA as Bockwinkel's manager, a collective shudder shook the entire alliance. But Bockwinkel smiled broadly**

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**A**N EXPANSIVE SMILE spreads across Nick Bockwinkel's face. Stretched out on the training table, he closes his eyes and listens.

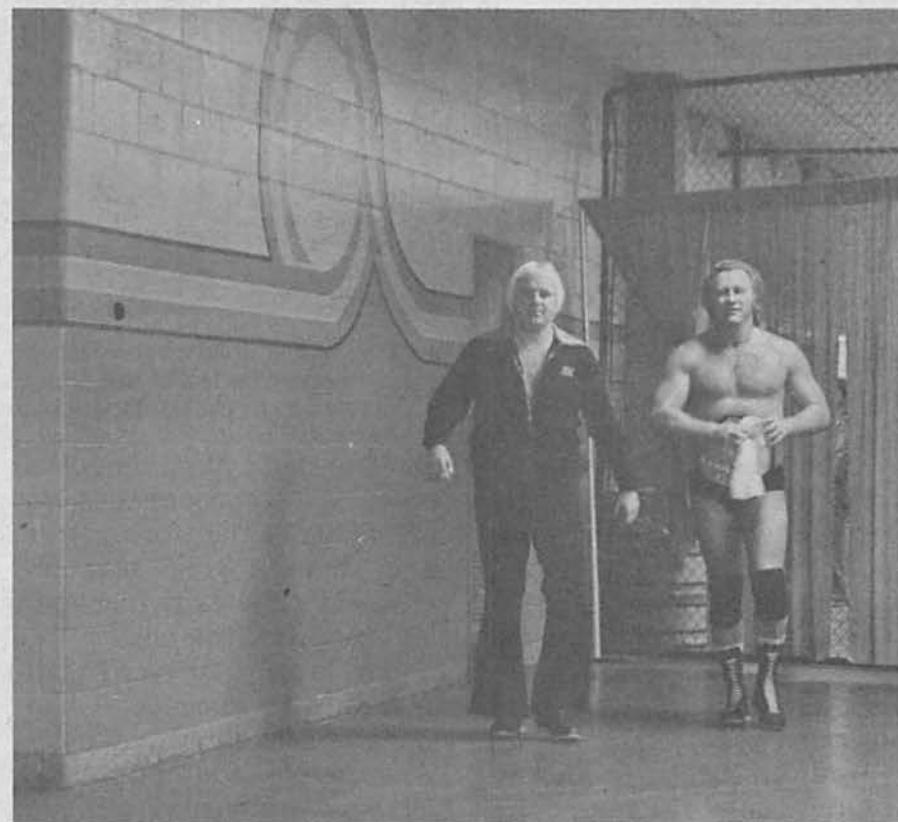
"This'll be the easiest match of your life," Bobby Heenan told Bockwinkel. "You're going to be better than ever. The best champion in the world once again is guided by the last manager. This is the second golden era. You've got nothing to worry about. I've got everything under control."

Bockwinkel sighed happily. All was right in his world. Once again he was being managed by the one man he really trusts. If Heenan told Bockwinkel to jump off a bridge, Nick would happily leap.

Bobby Heenan's exile from the AWA is over. The notorious manager has returned just where he left off. Bockwinkel, the man he led to the AWA title years ago, was still champion upon his return. Nick, who proved he could remain on top by himself, quickly placed himself under Heenan's guidance again. Bockwinkel doesn't need Heenan, but he wants Heenan.

To most other wrestlers, it just doesn't make sense. Why cut Heenan in on the profits when Bockwinkel does well on his own? Bockwinkel has proven he doesn't need a manager. It just doesn't make sense.

"I would've bet my last



Bobby Heenan and Nick Bockwinkel enter the arena for their first Omaha appearance in over a year (above). Bobby aids a dazed Bockwinkel outside the ring (right).

dollar," Greg Gagne admits, "that Bockwinkel wouldn't sign up with Heenan again. Yet, Nick couldn't wait to get Heenan as his manager. It's like Heenan has some sort of spell over Bockwinkel.

"I wrestled Bockwinkel when Heenan managed him and after Heenan left. Take my word for it, Bockwinkel doesn't need Heenan. In fact, I think he's slightly tougher without Heenan. Bobby relaxes him, makes him a bit sloppy.



Bockwinkel without a manager is more dangerous.

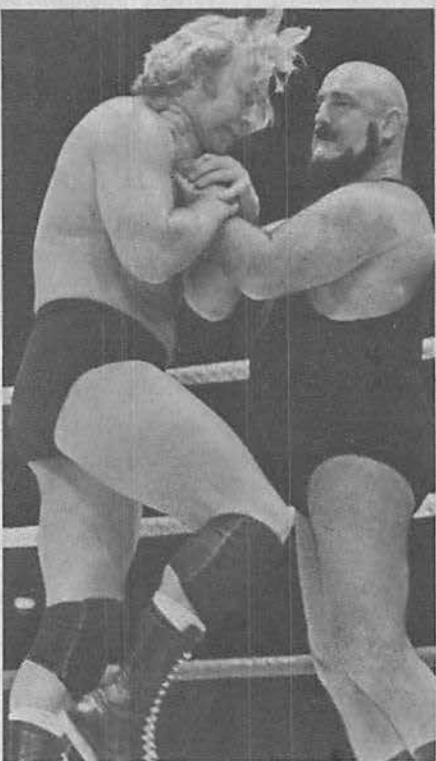
"Why does he want Heenan managing him? I can't figure it out. My father has a theory, though. He reminded me of when I was a kid and learning to ride a bike. Even after I was riding my two-wheeler well, I wouldn't let him throw away my training wheels. Though I didn't need the training wheels, I needed to know they were there. Bockwinkel doesn't need Heenan, but he needs to know Heenan is there. Just in case. For me, it was just in case I forgot how to ride. For Bockwinkel, it's just in case someone comes along he can't handle."

Is there a possibility Heenan could help Bockwinkel?

"Did I forget how to ride a bike?" Greg replies. "If someone is going to beat Bockwinkel, he's going to do it whether Heenan is there or Mighty Mouse is there. I plan to beat Bockwinkel. I don't think it's going to be any harder because Heenan is around."

However, when you ask Bockwinkel about Heenan, it's like asking Jimmy Olsen about Superman.

"Heenan is a genius," Bockwinkel states, "the greatest wrestling mind of this century; perhaps the greatest



Mad Dog Vachon demonstrates that he has not forgotten the tactics that earned him his name as he chokes Bockwinkel.

wrestling mind of all time. His strategies are masterpieces. He can find flaws in my opponents better than anyone else on earth. He's the best manager that ever lived. The best."

How does Bockwinkel explain his success when Heenan wasn't managing him?

"I stayed champ," Nick believes, "because I remembered what Heenan taught me. I never went into a match without

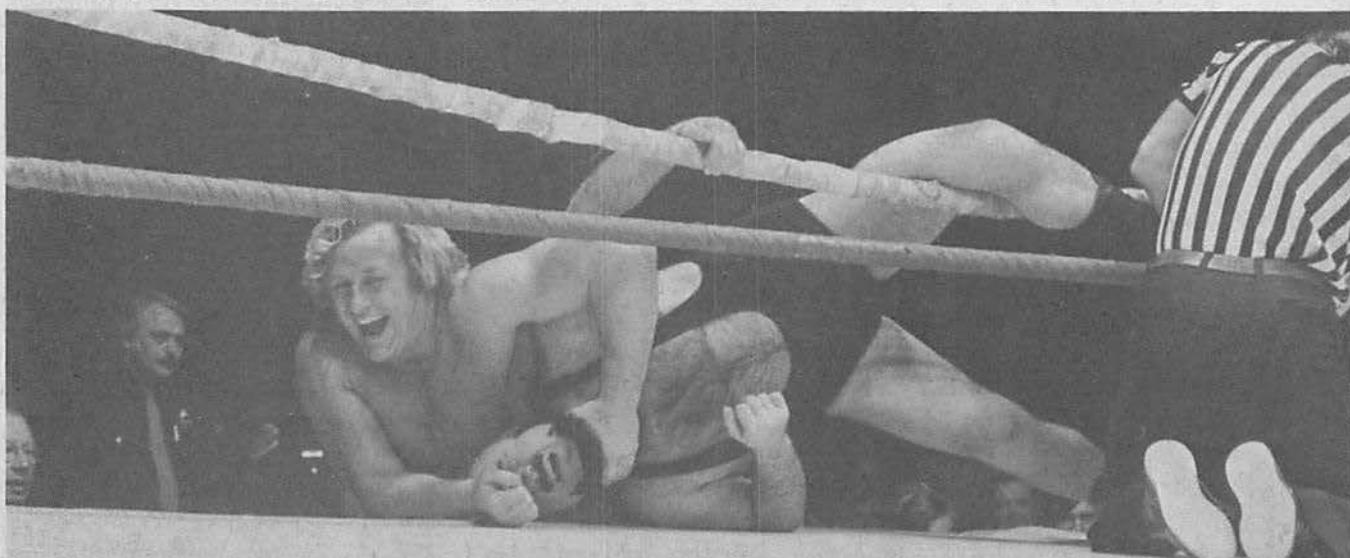
first thinking, 'How would Bobby tell me to handle this guy? Thinking that way, I became the best wrestler around. But I never fooled myself into thinking that I was as smart as Bobby."

Bockwinkel doesn't like to be reminded that when Heenan first managed the champion, their relationship was notorious for arguments and Bockwinkel trying to break the contract.

"I don't know what you're talking about," Nick claims when someone brings up the past. "Any stories about me and Bobby feuding were lies. I never disobeyed Bobby's instructions and I never lost my title."

Yet, there's something about Bockwinkel's denial that just doesn't sit right. The words are right, but they come out sounding all wrong. You have to look at Nick's eyes as he speaks to understand why Bockwinkel may not be telling the whole truth. For a man in paradise, he's not very happy.

Still, Heenan controls Bockwinkel like a puppetmaster controls a marionette. If Bockwinkel keeps the AWA belt, Heenan can claim a good deal of the credit. If Bockwinkel loses his title, then the true nature of "paradise" will be seen by everyone. □



Bockwinkel retaliates with similar tactics but adds an eye gouge for emphasis.

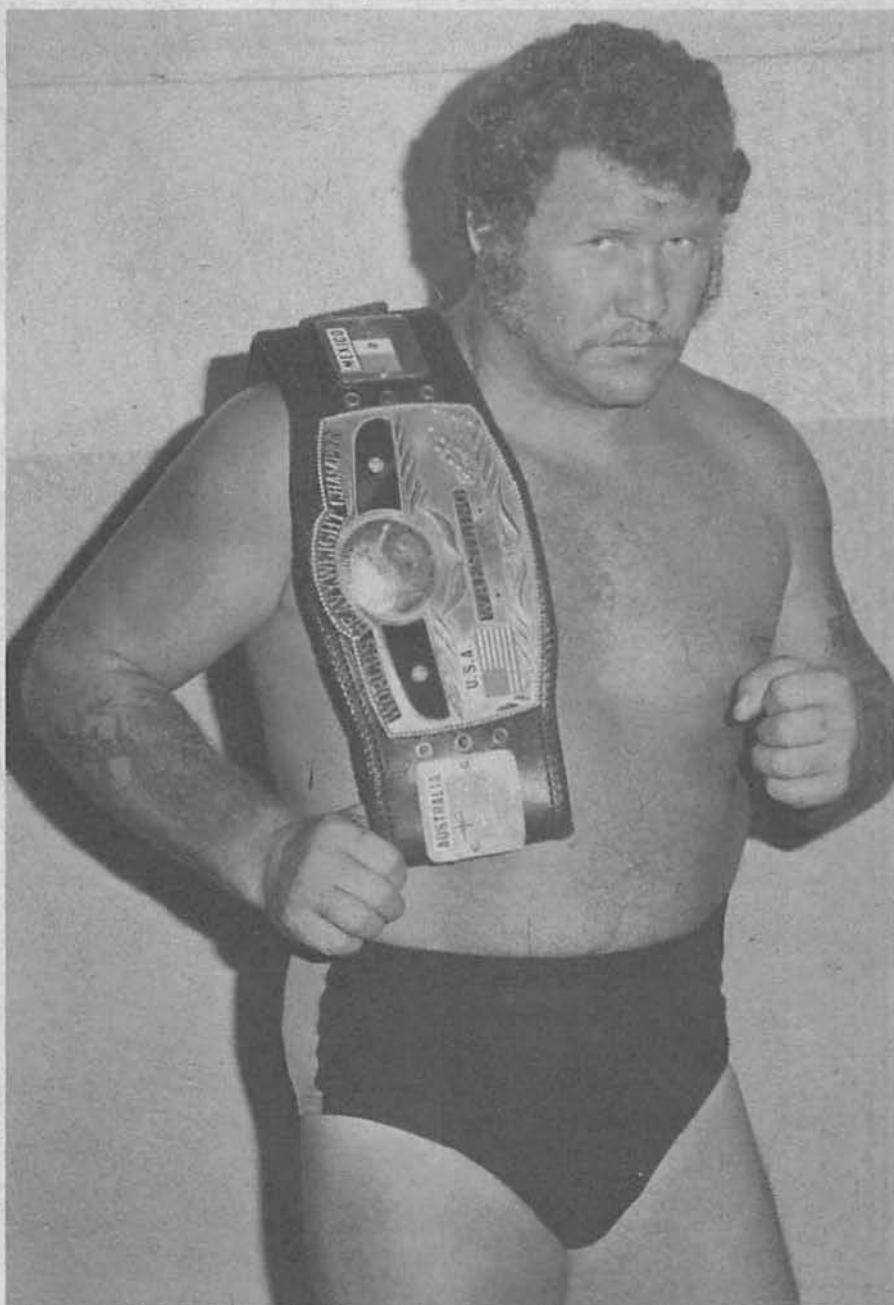
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## CAPSULE PROFILE

A LONG, BRUTAL championship reign ("I have survived because I am the best") . . . Considered the brightest wrestler around ("My mind is so large it hurts my eyebrows") . . . Uses imaginative and daring measures to unbalance opponents ("When you're bored, you need stimulation. My competition bores me") . . . Seeks to extend his NWA rule across the entire nation ("Who can stop me?") . . . Predictions of demise spread throughout wrestling when he lost the title to Dusty Rhodes ("Sorriest day of my life. But of course I beat the tubster to get my belt back") . . . Despite attending to all managerial details himself, he maintains a fierce, clever edge ("Let the other champions use managers. I don't need one") . . . Accused of purposely disqualifying himself in order to retain title ("Once and for all, I want to answer that irresponsible charge. I am following my

## HARLEY RACE

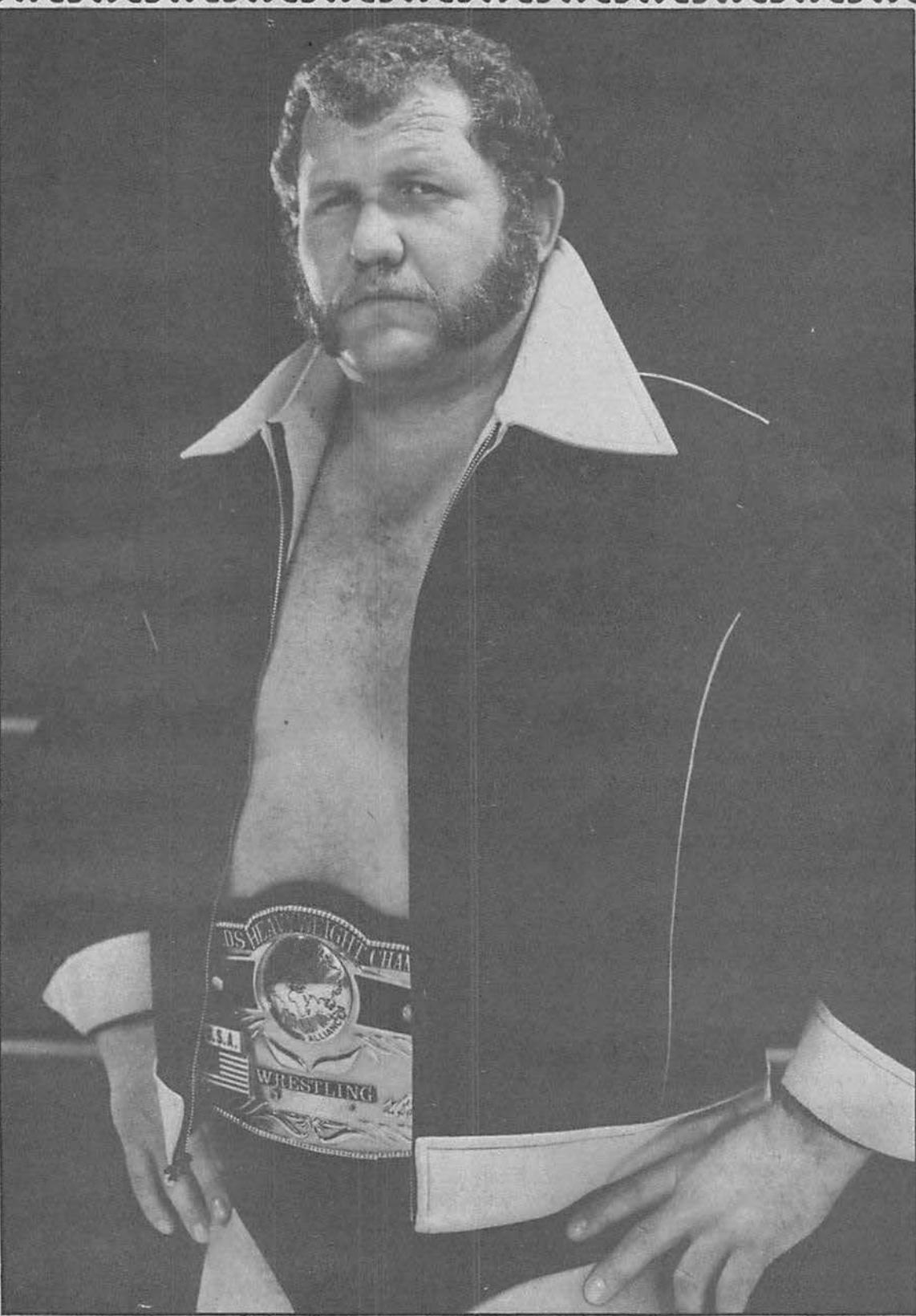


Harley Race is considered a smart champion because he knows how to retain his belt. Harley flatly denies the charge that he intentionally disqualifies himself, but many experts insist that when in trouble, he will do anything to keep a grasp on the NWA championship.

foes who run in terror. Since the refs protect the scientific wrestlers, I am disqualified") . . . Considers much of his competition in the NWA sub-standard ("Who is there?

The Briscos? They're pathetic. Tommy Rich? He should go back to summer camp. No one can challenge me. They have all tried and failed"). □

## CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



HARLEY RACE

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



## STEVE KEIRN

After a lengthy and successful stay in Florida, Keirn is negotiating with WWF promoters. Steve made an appearance in Madison Square Garden some time ago and the fans have demanded his return. He is looking for the perfect partner to compliment his speed and hopes to find him in the Northeast.

## MASKED SUPERSTAR

Ignoring claims that he was too embarrassed to remain in Georgia after losing the State title to Mr. Wrestling II, Masked Superstar has turned up in the Mid-Atlantic area. He and Masked Superstar II have joined forces and pose a serious threat to the NWA tag team champions.



## DICK MURDOCH

Florida wrestling fans are excited about the prospect of area promoters coming to terms with Murdoch and the possibility that the Outlaws—Murdoch and Dusty Rhodes—will be reunited. Murdoch has been frustrated in his attempts to regain the Missouri State title from Kevin Von Erich.



## BOB ARMSTRONG

Popular Bob and Dick Slater have emerged as one of the most successful tag teams in Tennessee history. Bob said he and Slater love the area and will not leave to challenge other teams. They do, however, welcome others to challenge them.



# ONE ON



(Years of sharing strategy and secrets died with a clash of ambitions. As managers of the majority of AWA rulebreakers, Bobby Heenan and Lord Al Hays were the power brokers. They made and destroyed careers. In fact, a verbal agreement to respect each other's contractual agreements kept the peace. Until Heenan shattered the pact and signed Super Destroyer Mark II and Super Destroyer Mark III. Once peace was splintered, war quickly started. Now Hays manages Verne Gagne and Mad Dog Vachon. Heenan manages the Destroyers and AWA champ Nick Bockwinkel. They meet in the ring. And here.)



Picturephone photos courtesy of Bell Telephone.

#### BOBBY HEENAN:

Al Hays, what you doing since you left wrestling?

#### LORD HAYS:

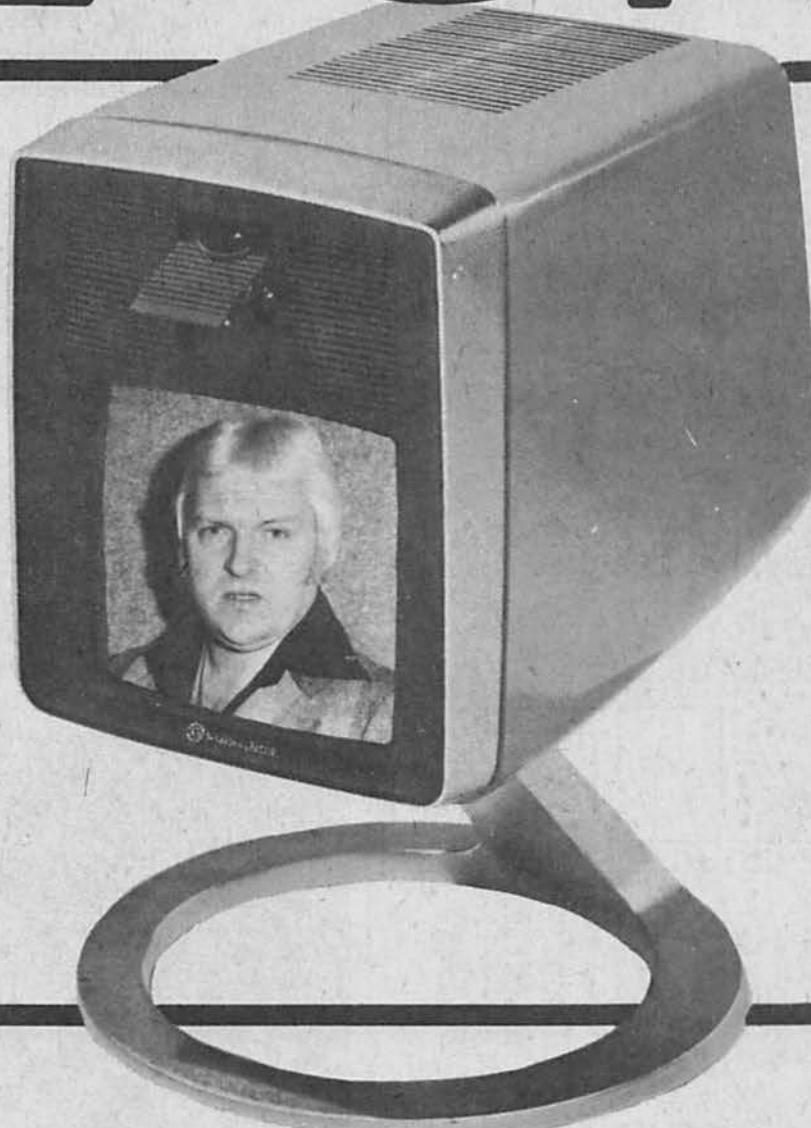
Who said I left wrestling? I'm

advising Verne Gagne and Mad Dog Vachon, too fine chaps.

**BH:** That's retiring where I come from. Anytime you associate

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with losers, that's quitting.

**LH:** Former champion of the AWA is a loser?

**BH:** Former.

**LH:** Not for long. Verne and I know how to deal with cut-throats like you.

**BH:** Now, now, Al, baby. You're still not upset 'cause the Super Destroyers realized they needed a real manager?

**LH:** You could not manage your

way out of a tea room.

**BH:** Got your boys, didn't I?

**LH:** And broke your promise.

**BH:** What promise?

**LH:** To respect each other's managerial spheres. You . .

**BH:** Got it in writing?

**LH:** No, certainly not. I wrongly believed a man of honor would keep his promise.

**BH:** I'm a man of honor and I keep all my promises. I

promise to run you and your bums outta wrestling. How's that for a promise?

**LH:** I trust you have an army to support that vow?

**BH:** I don't need an army. I got my brains and my men. We'll whip you anywhere and anytime.

**LH:** You and who else?

**BH:** I don't even need any physical force to stop you, bum. All I have to do is marshal my inner, psychic power and knock you into the next federation. Or back to England. Isn't that where you come from you?

**LH:** Shall I be polite and mention where you come from?

**BH:** Let's get back to wrestling, something you know little about.

**LH:** You're a grand one for running at the mouth. Won't you dare discuss your own

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## ON THE ROAD

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day. As Albano was about to respond, Afa accidentally turned on the television. Suddenly confronted with a game show, which would drive even modern man berserk, The Samoans lost complete control. Afa and Sika backed away, growling at the set. Albano snapped a Samoan command, which sounded like "ratbukis." Unfortunately, they ignored him.

Sika seized the set and lifted it over his head. He spun around, growling, shaking his head, saliva dribbling down his chin and throat and onto his chest. Afa jumped up and down, glared at the set, saw the plug and ripped it out of the wall. A brief fire, smoke, and there went the socket.

I was about to protest but realized my tongue was lodged deep within my larynx. Albano appeared sincere about quieting his men and returning my television to its stand. However, the now blank screen enraged Afa. He kept pointing at the screen,



Lou Albano is convinced that he has the next WWF tag team champions in the Samoans.

then at me. Sika snarled, lowered the television, examined the dark screen and mumbled something distinctly threatening at me. Albano interceded.

"They want to know where the little man went," Albano said, grinning.

For some reason, I thought this all comical. A mistake.

"He went bye-bye," I said, forcing a smile. Albano translated. In a matter of seconds, my television went bye-bye. Sika's mouth opened and said what I believed was "bye-bye" in Samoan. He flung the television over my head and against the wall, shattering the TV and denting the wall. At least that'd quiet the fun duo, I thought desperately.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said Albano. He didn't look sorry. I had to get these maniacs out of my apartment. But how? I recalled a *Twilight Zone* episode about appliances. Would it work?

I ran to the stereo and flipped it on, blasting the volume. Afa and Sika froze and glared at the speakers. Rushing into the kitchen, I turned on the dishwasher. The Samoans grumbled in fear. I switched on the food processor. Its whirring noise increased their growls. I heard Albano trying to calm them. That failed.

Grabbing the transistor radio off the kitchen shelf, I hurried into the living room. Afa had his head pressed against the wall, cowering from the speaker. Sika was jumping up and down on the couch. As Albano rushed to turn off the stereo, I turned on the transistor radio. I thrust it at The Samoans. Their mouths dropped. Backing away, they nearly went through the window. Two plants toppled over. Yet they ran, shrieking and screaming. Albano trailed after them. At the door, he apologized for my television and promised to replace it.

As yet, I am still without a television. Don't despair. I've taken to making potholders. □

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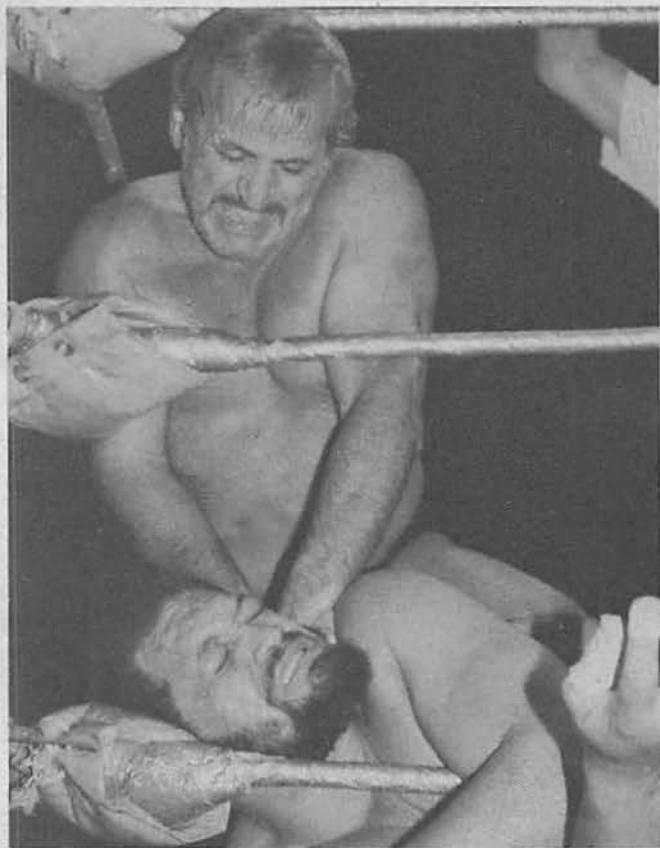
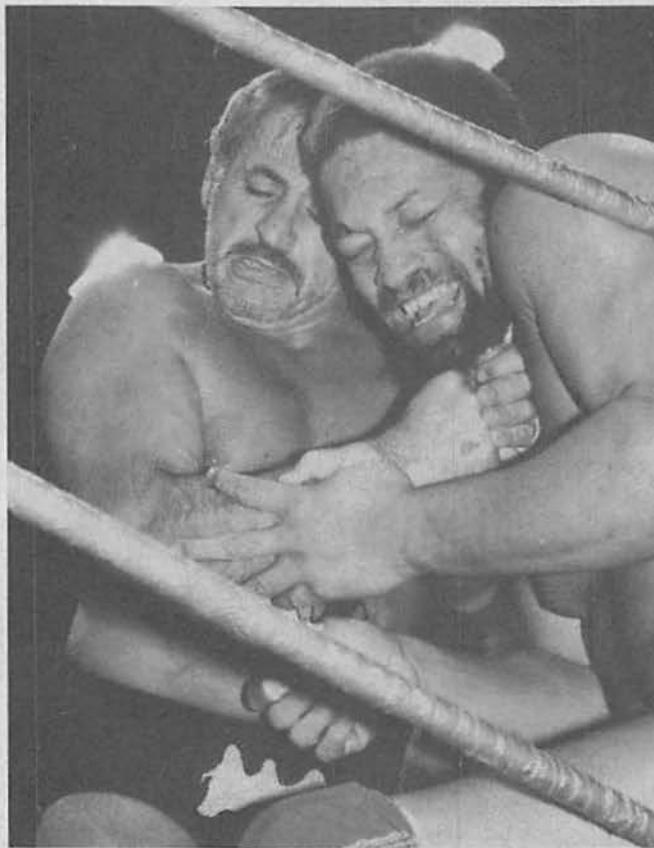
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# A STUDY IN BRUTALITY

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Ladd tries to ward off the Sheik's corner attack (above left) but is unsuccessful. The Sheik works on Ernie's neck muscles (above right). These are doubtlessly two of the most vicious wrestlers of all time.

thinking. All that could be certain was his brilliant mind whirring with ideas that could mean disaster for Ernie Ladd.

The bell rang. The two men slowly approached each other, circling and looking for an opening. Ladd seemed to tower over his smaller foe, yet that didn't seem to give him any advantage. Height means nothing against The Sheik.

Ladd was the first to strike. With the quickness of a cat, Ernie drove his shoulder hard into Sheik's mid-section. The Arab stumbled backward. Ladd tried to trap The Sheik in a bearhug, but the Arab smashed his fist hard into the back of Ernie's neck. It was Ladd's turn to stumble backward.

The match went on like that for about 10 minutes. The two men assaulted each other furiously, but could gain no

advantage. Both grapplers were growing weak from the constant pounding, but neither looked ready to fall. Then, almost before anyone knew what was happening, the whole match seemed to go berserk.

Even after examining the films, no one could tell quite why Ladd stumbled backward and fell in the corner. It might have been The Sheik's forearm smash; it might have been weariness; it might have been a combination of the two. Ladd claims he was tripped by someone or something. Whatever the reason, Ladd fell backward and became entangled in the corner.

The Sheik was on him in an instant. With a fury that terrifies everyone, he battered, choked, kicked, and gouged at Ladd. Ernie tried to defend himself, but he might as well have tried

to ward off a tornado. Soon, huge gashes appeared across Ladd's forehead. The crowd was screaming at the referee to stop The Sheik's rampage. Each move was dirtier than the last. It was a despicable exhibition of wrestling savagery.

Finally, even the referee was able to see the illegal tactics. The Sheik was disqualified. Everybody cheered.

Everybody cheered but Ernie Ladd. "Stop!" he shouted. "Let me wrestle! Let me wrestle!"

The Sheik took one look at the enraged Ladd and the Arab ran back to his dressing room.

Ladd then went back to his dressing room. He'd won the match but lost something more important. He couldn't say he was the toughest man in wrestling. He can't say that until they carry out Sheik on a stretcher. □

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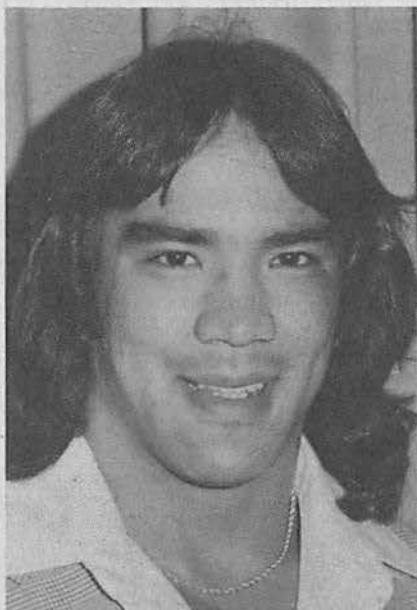
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### GIVE MORGY A PROMOTION

Gary Morgenstein deserves a promotion or something for his discovery of Paul Jones blackmailing Rick Steamboat. Jones is a yellow chicken and has to steep so low as blackmail. Jones, you know Steamboat is better than you! In fact, you're not worthy of tying his shoes.

Steamboat is going to get you and, with help from Gary Morgenstein and fans like me, you might not be wrestling much longer.

BETH CUNDIFF  
Charlotte, NC



Reader Beth Cundiff commands Gary Morgenstein's coverage of Paul Jones' alleged blackmailing of Rick Steamboat (above).

### UNFAIR TO IVAN

How come the WWF promoters haven't lined up a match between WWF champion Bob Backlund and Ivan Putski? I'm sure it would be a great match.

Ivan has earned a title bout. Putski is a great wrestler and should be given a chance to win the WWF belt. I'm sure that Ivan could beat Backlund.

WWF promoters, wise up.

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## DICK MURDOCH

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Murdoch didn't fool Bruiser. The wily mat star somehow managed to understand the core of Murdoch's attack and counter it. Perhaps only Bruiser, a man with his own history of "craziness," could understand what Murdoch was doing.

The two men battled furiously. It was a strange combination of brilliant strategy and animal bloodlust. Witnessing it allowed one to see how dangerous man can be.

When it was over, Murdoch happily made his way to the dressing room. His display of terror had shown the world just what was in store for Kevin Von Erich. Though battered and bloody, he was enjoying the best of all possible worlds.

"Did you see me tonight?" he crowed. "I was totally out of control. Von Erich was watching. He's scared stiff. When I get my belt back, it'll be in a match of less than a minute. The poor kid will be too scared to wrestle!"

Murdoch was never out of

Murdoch leaps into the air to lend force to an elbow drive (below) and takes a right from Bruiser (right).



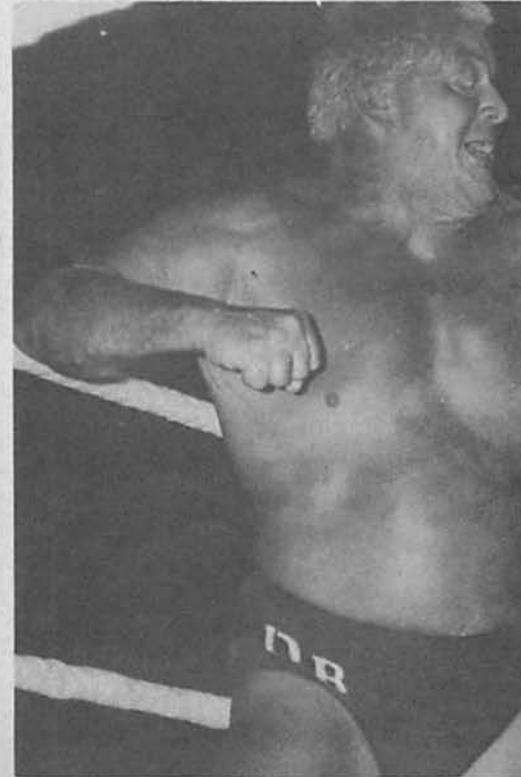
control. He knew exactly what he wanted to do. His whole crusade is to scare Von Erich.

So far, Kevin has been lucky. One of the so-called scientific breed of wrestler, the kid got Murdoch's belt because of some questionable refereeing. In the few rematches they've had, Von Erich has somehow managed to retain the belt. Murdoch has been deeply embarrassed by these events.

So, Murdoch claims to be driven mad by his lust for revenge. That's nonsense. He knows exactly what he's doing. Every wild and reckless movement is exactly planned to the most exact detail. Von Erich doesn't stand a chance.

I'm writing this to prove a point. Too many times, fans think wrestlers like Murdoch are "animals," unfit to be considered athletes. These fans don't understand the greatness of men like Murdoch. When he takes the title from Von Erich, they'll say he's cheating.

In fact, Murdoch will take the title executing one of the great





With Bruiser against the ropes, Murdoch aims a vicious chop at his exposed throat.

psychological battles in wrestling history. With his magnificent style and ability, he'll overwhelm Von Erich easily. By the time you read this article, Murdoch might already be champion.

Years ago, when he didn't care about the fans, Bruiser once said, "Let 'em call me anything they want. Keep the fans stupid. I'm not in this for glory. I'm here for the money and the fun of it. Winning is fun. Fans don't mean a thing."

Bruiser has changed his mind. Murdoch still believes the only things that matter are money and victory. Bruiser used to also say, "Give the glory to the losers."

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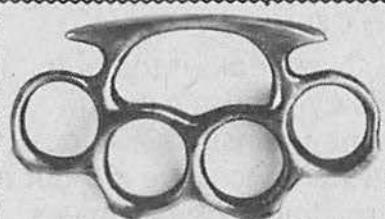
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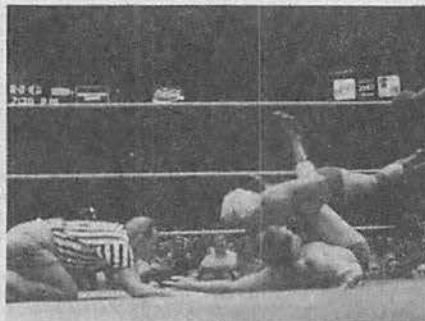
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## BODYSLAMS & PINFALLS

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is why Patera trusted Patterson in the first place.

"Have you ever spoken to Patterson?" Patera asks. "He could make you believe in ghosts. He swore up and down how much he wanted to be my friend. He was determined to rid the sport of Backlund, Strongbow, and bums like them. His eyes burned with determination.



Patterson retains his Inter-Continental championship with an illegal pin of Ted DiBiase.

"Now look at the bum. His eyes burn with the same intensity. Only now he wants to drive me out of wrestling. The guy has a screw loose somewhere. He jumps from one belief to another without even pausing. I wouldn't trust him as far as I can throw him. He should be put in a rubber room!"

Many of Patterson's former friends agree with Patera. Lou Albano, the man Patterson first betrayed, calls Patterson "a rat who deserts a ship whether it's sinking or not. He just naturally has to turn on friends. That's why he travels so much. He goes to one area, betrays everybody, then has to leave. There are hundreds

of people all over the world who can say, 'Pat Patterson stabbed me in the back.' It makes me sick just thinking about him.

"You know, legally I still own his contract. I could make him turn handstands if I felt like it. But I don't. You know why? I want nothing to do with the man. He's a disgrace to the profession I love. We'd all be better off if he became a plumber. Hell, we'd all be better off if he went down a sewer."

Patterson refused to talk to me for this interview. Of course, he has gone on record stating Albano betrayed him. He has also apologized to Bob Backlund and similar riffraff. He's now helping wrestling's Howdy Doody "clean up" the WWF. That's about what he's fit for. At least we can all rest easier knowing he's doomed to failure.

Yes, moronic wrestling fans, Patterson is doomed. There's no way a man of his helter-skelter principles can mount a sustained attack. Soon, the wind will blow him the other way, someone will offer him a few more bucks, and the fans who love him now will curse him as a rulebreaker. It's happened too many times before. And hurt too many gullible people.

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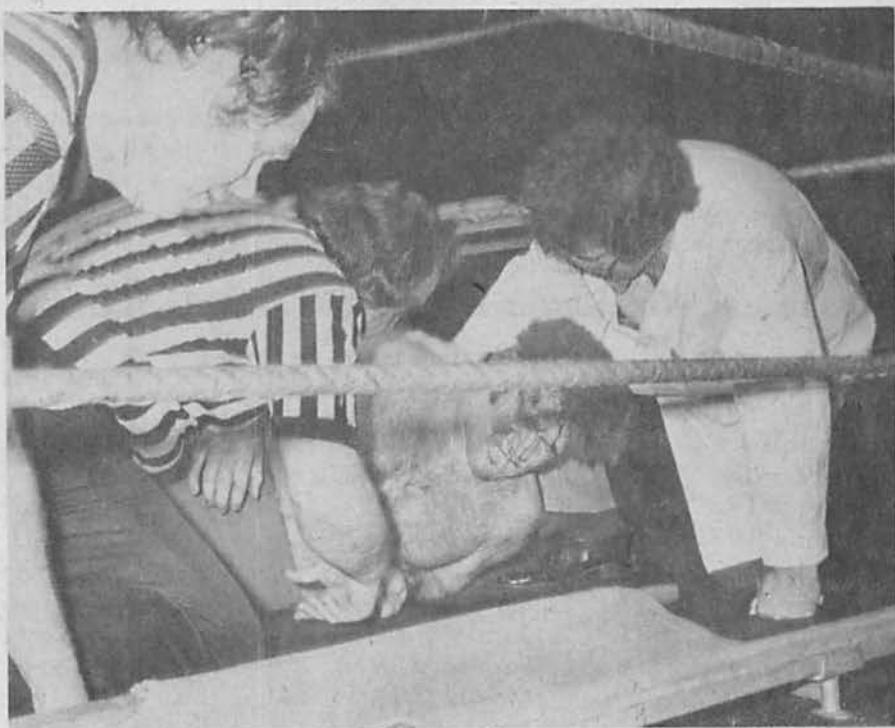
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Sammartino. The wrestling community was stunned when Larry made the challenge.

No one was more shocked than Bruno. It broke his heart to face his young friend in the ring. There are so many things that can happen in combat. One moment's anger, one accidental move, and Larry's career would be finished. Yet, Bruno knew Larry had to have the match. He accepted Zbyszko's challenge.

Bruno made a few rules of his own, though. "I won't try to pin him or hurt him," Bruno stated. "I'll only defend myself. I like Larry. I'm sorry this match is taking place.

Larry accepted it on those conditions. He was too unhappy that events had come to this. But there was no other way to establish his independence from Bruno.

The night of the match arrived. The two men wrestled well, but there was a sorrow in their movements. It was a

painful match to watch.

And then it happened. After a swift series of maneuvers, Larry fell out of the ring. Not hurt, he began to climb back. Bruno opened the ropes to make it easier for him to enter. Bruno meant it as a kindness. Larry saw it as an insult.

Larry's face contorted into a mask of rage. Mindlessly, savagely, he grabbed a chair from ringside. Bruno was too stunned to protect himself. Again and again, Larry smashed the chair over his mentor's head. Blood spurted from wide cuts. Bruno sank to the canvas. Agony and anguish overwhelmed him.

It was a bloody end to a beautiful friendship. That magical connection between the two men had been broken. Though they're no longer friends, they're not really enemies. It's hard to say exactly what they are to each other.

As far as Larry is concerned,

this is only the first of many battles.

"He had no right to open those ropes," Larry says, his voice combining anger and hurt. "He wouldn't do that for any other opponent. It was like he wanted the world to see he didn't take the bout seriously. Darn it, he owed me that much! He should've taken it seriously! Instead, he treated me like some helpless amateur."

"I'll never forget that. I was his opponent. If you respect an opponent, you don't help him. This was the biggest match of my life. He treated it like a sparring session. In front of the world, he treated me like a sparring partner. To me, it was incredibly important. He purposely made it look like a joke."

Bruno doesn't like to talk about it much. He knows there will be other matches. There will be more chances that one of them will be permanently injured. The stitches in his forehead are only the beginning.

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I never gave the Florida sun a thought. It was a cruel and unusual assignment.

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There was no Florida sun. It rained from the second I stepped off the plane. I barely had enough time to catch a meal and get to the arena. My clothes were drenched, and I sat uncomfortably. Until the fourth match, that is. Then a huge bearded man came running into the ring and ran from corner to corner twitching his head. My wet clothes became unimportant. I was thinking more about my wet palms and how ridiculous it would be to try and interview this, this whatever.

I was somewhat surprised at his wrestling style. His movement was awkward but his moves were precise. He possessed an extraordinary amount of wrestling skills. He finished off his opponent with a flying elbow smash and made a quick departure from the ring. It looked like he might be in a rush to leave the arena so I ran after him.

Bugsy reached his dressing room door and I stopped right behind him. He turned around quickly and looked at me with a confused face. "What is your rush, young man," he said in a clear, dignified tone.

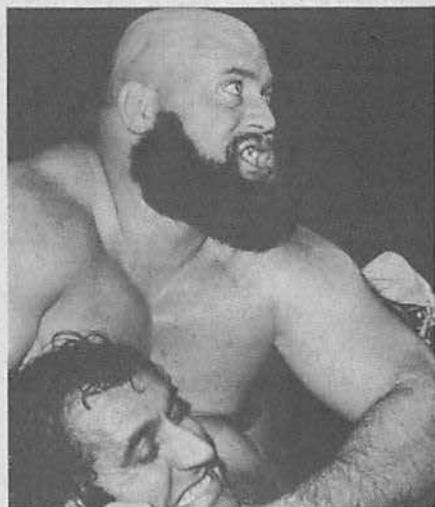
"Bugsy," I said, "I've been assigned to do an interview with you and I wanted to catch you before you left."

"I'm not going anywhere," he said. "I knew you were coming. I'll give you your interview."

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Bugsy McGraw appears to be a mad man, but he is a knowledgeable wrestler and an articulate speaker.

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McGraw opened the door to his dressing room, walked in, and slammed the door in my face. I stood there for at least five minutes, completely stunned. I couldn't believe he was talking like that. He sounded more like a philosophy professor than a professional athlete. It occurred to me that that was probably the reason I was assigned to do the interview in the first place. □

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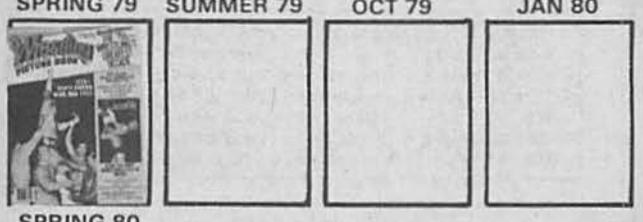
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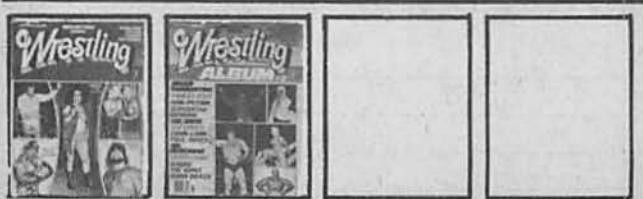
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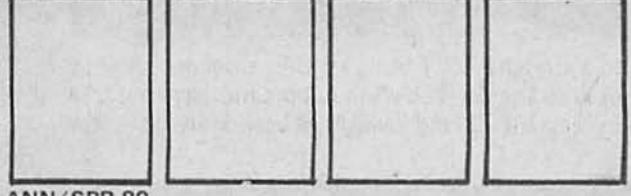
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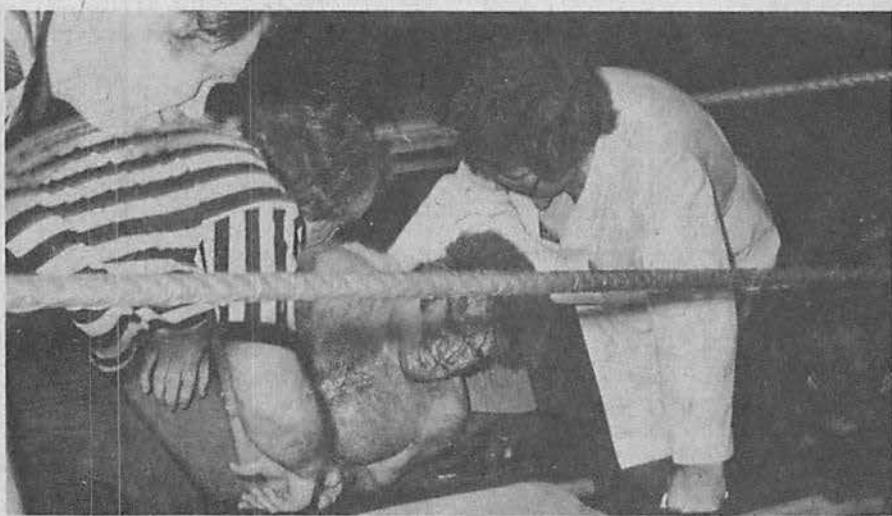
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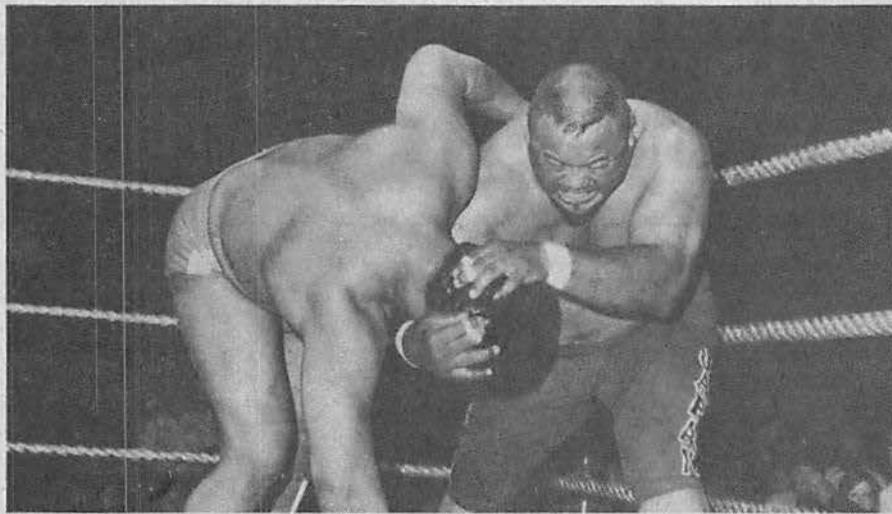
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## INJURY REPORT

Doctors say BRUNO SAMMARTINO came extremely close to losing a fatal amount of blood after being attacked by



Bruno Sammartino is helped onto a stretcher after being hit with a wooden chair by Larry Zbyszko (above). Professor Toru Tanaka (below) is rumored to have put in a request for a television show on Far Eastern cooking. Tanaka has been denied the show several times in the past.



cooking, scheduled for the fall season. On the show, Tanaka will teach viewers how to prepare his favorite Far East dishes. Guests will include Mr. Fuji and Baba the Giant.

FACT: Television insiders all know that Tanaka has been trying to obtain a license for a television show for years. But he has repeatedly been rejected. There is no reason to believe he will succeed now.

Larry Zbyszko. Sammartino was rushed to a hospital where a well-executed transfusion saved his life.

TERRY FUNK says his right arm still feels numb on occasion following the deep cuts he sustained after a particularly grueling match with DUSTY RHODES. Funk has sworn revenge. "I'll get that egg-sucking dog back if it's the last thing I do," he said. □

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career?

**BH:** My favorite subject.

**LH:** And one littered with failure.

**BH:** Managing greats is failure?

**LH:** Unless I'm very mistaken, which I doubt, you had little to do with Nick Bockwinkel's success. Proof of the pudding, as we like to say, consists of Bockwinkel's incomparable

your accomplishments in Georgia, they were negligible. Once you finished managing Blackjack Lanza, he disappeared off the face of the Earth. None of your men could solve the talents of Mr. Wrestling or Tommy Rich, to name a few. You returned, not because Bock-

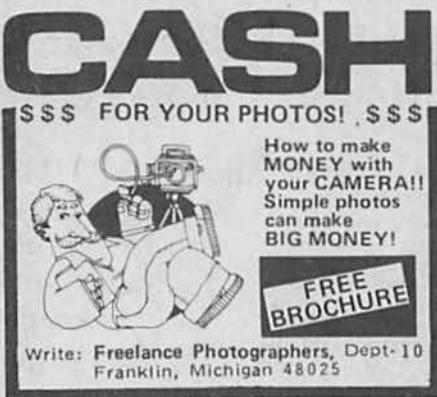


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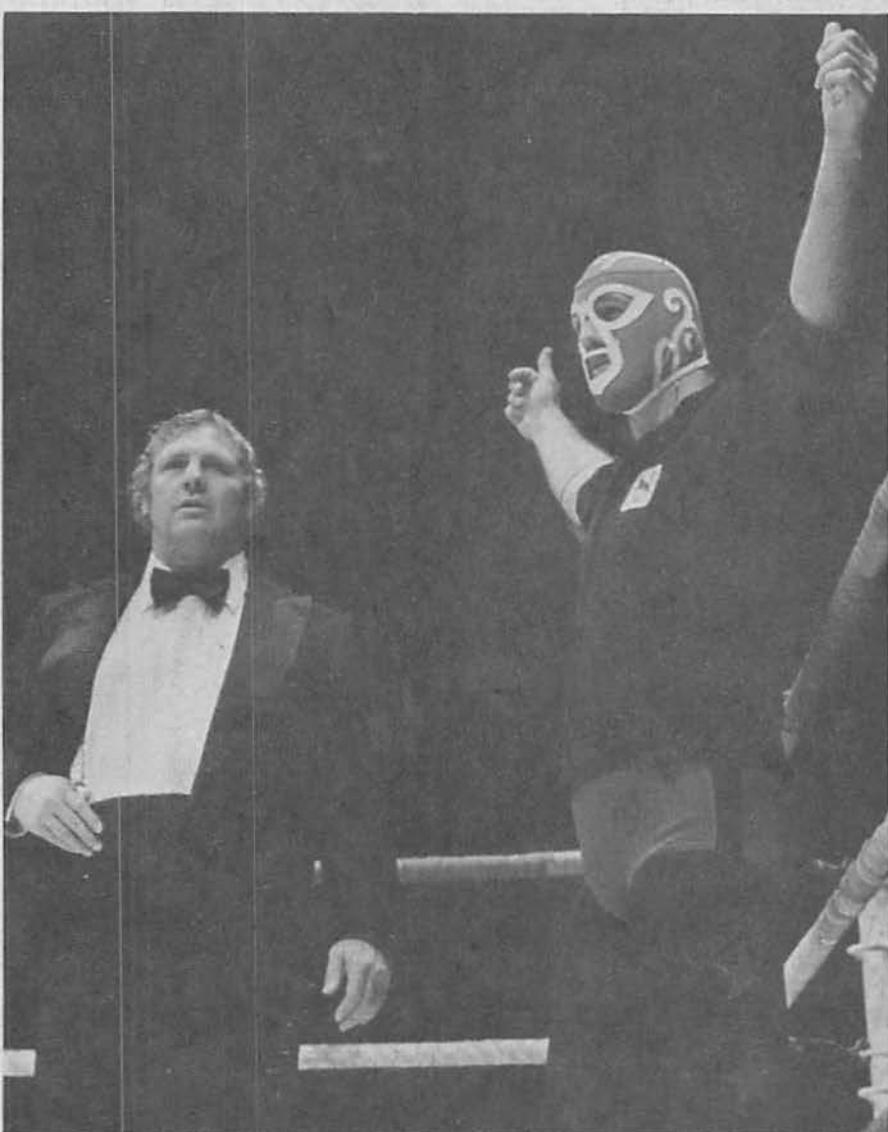
achievements without your needling, irritating presence.

**BH:** That just shows how . . .

**LH:** Let me finish. Despite your well-publicized absence, Nick Bockwinkel thrived. As for

winkel wanted you, but because you, like any parasite, require a host to feed upon. On your own, you are nothing.

**BH:** I made champions and I



break champions.

LH: Oh really? Do you tell Nick Nick that?

BH: He's my friend.

LH: Until he loses. Then you'll discard him.

BH: I stick by my friends. Not like you. You jumped all over the Super Destroyers' backs when they moved on for purely financial reasons.

LH: I did so because they betrayed me. I will not abide treachery.



Heenan shouts words of encouragement and strategy to his wrestler.

BH: You've had enough practice. Ever wonder why everyone wants to dump you?

LH: I do not fear the opinions or decisions of mediocrities.

BH: Ah, you won't listen to Verne Gagne?

LH: Be forewarned, old chap: Verne Gagne will return as



Hays, who is building a legion of supporters, peers arrogantly across the ring.

AWA champ.

BH: There going to be an epidemic in the AWA? (Chuckles)

LH: Don't say I didn't warn you to your face. That is more than you afford foes. □

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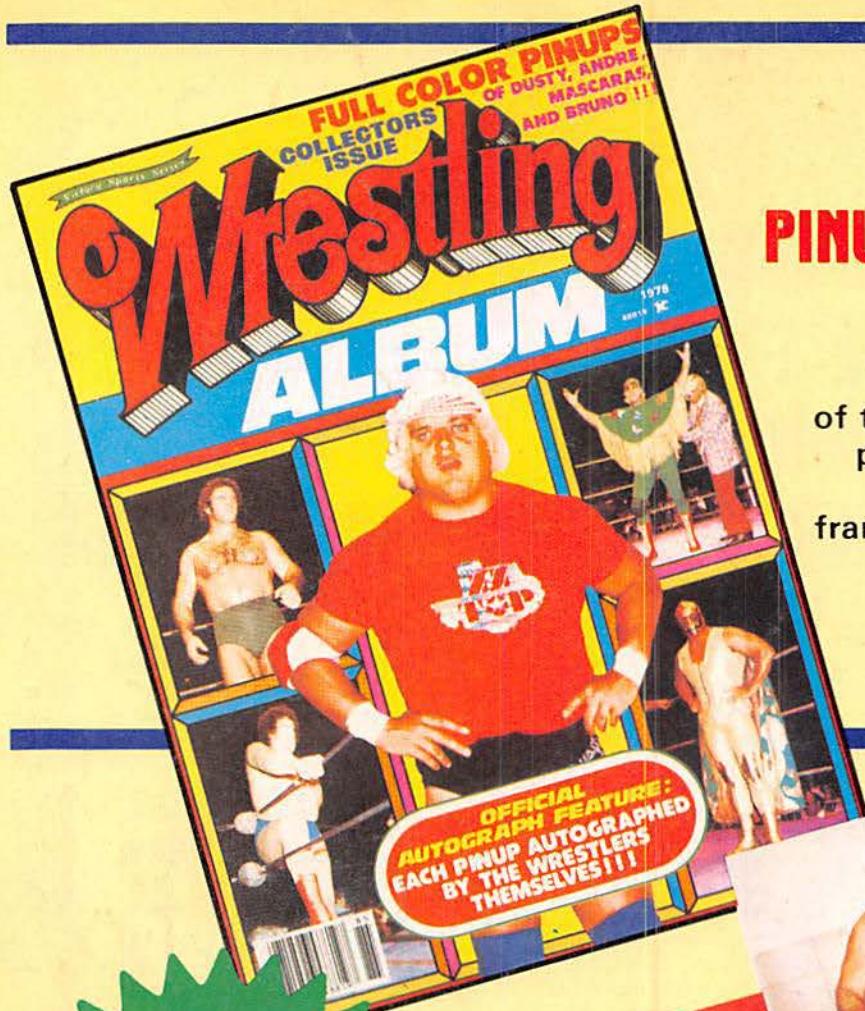
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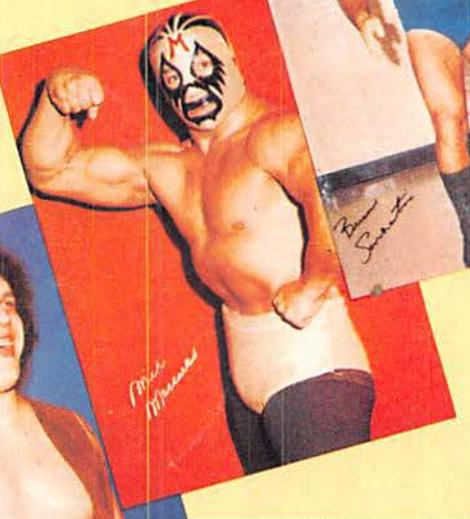


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